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But if you (like all those in my immediate vicinity, no doubt) would rather hear some better trained voices singing the Christmas classics, there is plenty an opportunity to sate your musical appetites in the capital this year, as ever. Turn to page 21 for our guide to the best local carol services and concerts on our doorsteps. As for me, I will certainly be joining the throngs at Trafalgar Square on 1 December as the yearly tree donated by the people of Oslo is lit up and the choir from St Martin-in-the-Field provide the accompanying tunes.

Hot on the heels of Christmas is, of course, New Year's Eve, a point at which we are all ever-striving to improve ourselves, even if those efforts last a matter of weeks, or – in some cases – days. One group of people who will be starting New Year on a high are the ten sculptors who have just scooped the Royal British Society of Sculptors bursary award. As their nascent stars began to rise and their exhibition was being finalised, Alexander Larman headed to the South Kensington HQ to catch up with its director Anne Rawcliffe-King, who next year celebrates 10 years in the role. Turn to page 32 to find out why she is excited about the lack of a singular direction in sculpture and her plans for the next decade.

Elsewhere, Lucie Greene takes her pick of the party dresses to carry us through the season of unremitting gaieties (p.62), Henry Conway instructs on how to shop for vintage finds (p.65), we have the best Christmas decorations (p.49), plus we bring you a beautiful fashion shoot from The Rivoli Bar at The Ritz, where the 1970s glamour of the clothes meets the sumptuous Art Deco chic of the surrounds (p.55).

Until next month, I – and all at The Resident – wish you the very merriest of Christmases and a wonderful new year.

PS The eagle-eyed will have noticed a printing error in last month's Resident; we promised you an interview with Julian Fellowes, and instead you got an interview with Russell Norman, for which, many apologies. You can now read the correct interview online at theresident.co.uk



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Acting Editor

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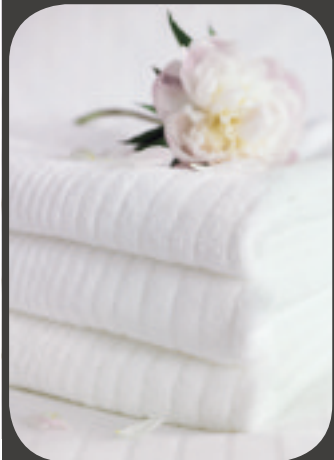
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7 – 24 December

Garden designer Isabel Bannerman displays her breathtaking close-up photography of plants at The Jonathan Cooper Gallery. Bannerman is concerned with the architectural and miraculously engineered aspect of the horticultural world. Says she: "Transitory moments of colour catch my eye, but mostly it is the changing forms; the cycle from the swelling of spring and reproductive mayhem of summer, followed by diaspora and die back." jonathancooper.co.uk



3 DECEMBER

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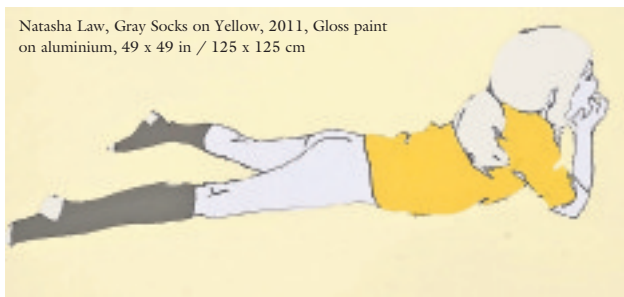
13 – 18 December

Enthusiasts of all things equine will be in their element at Olympia's London International Horse Show, which this year introduces an extreme driving event to its format, to claim the title of which competitors will battle it out on 15th December. To mark the debut, three of the world's best will take part, including Boyd Exell, Ijsbrand Chardon and Koos de Ronde. **Book tickets at olympiahorseshow.com**

Until 3 January

Winter Wonderland is back with a festive bang to celebrate its fifth year; as well as a return of the giant observation wheel, the Angels Christmas market (selling handmade wooden gifts) and the Zippos circus, the ice-skating rink will now be lit by 108,000 pea lights, Cirque Extreme brings a daredevil element and the new rotating Carousel bar allows punters to sip mulled wine while the world spins by. Free entry. hydeparkwinterwonderland.com

Natasha Law, Gray Socks on Yellow, 2011, Gloss paint on aluminium, 49 x 49 in / 125 x 125 cm



8 December – 14 January

Basing its premise on the famous Salon de Paris, The Eleven Gallery has selected what it considers to be the cream of the creative crop for its annual Christmas Salon. Expect to see work from the likes of Jonathan Yeo, Rick Giles and Natasha Law. **Eleven, 11 Eccleston Street, SW1W 9LX**



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Licensing leniency?

The Royal Borough has called on the government to rethink a potential relaxation of licensing laws which would enable pubs and clubs to play music without first having had to get a licence. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has proposed the changes, which, if they became law, would allow 878 venues in the borough to host unregulated events. RBKC is concerned particularly about large events such as Notting Hill Carnival (above) being completely unregulated. Councillor Nick Paget-Brown, RBKC's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment, said: "Entertainment licences are actually how we ensure that noise is controlled... and that landlords generally act responsibly."



Forgotten hero remembered

Corporal Thomas Hancock, who was awarded the Victoria Cross for his gallant rescue of Brigadier Hugh Grant in a battle at the Indian Mutiny in 1857 during which he lost his right arm, has been honoured at a small ceremony at Brompton Cemetery (above). Military historian Brian Milton worked to find the corporal's unmarked grave and mark it properly after learning how Hancock had met his demise in a workhouse aged 48, after 17 years service (though his career had been marred by two drinking offences) and a stint as lodge keeper to Queen Victoria at Windsor. A memorial stone has now been erected over his grave, reading: "Corporal Thomas Hancock, VC, 9th Queen's Royal Lancers".

ROUND UP

Art with a heart

The Prime Minister last month channelled his inner Picasso as he donated his masterpiece *Thinking of Ewe* (left) to a selling exhibition held at the RCA from which 50 per cent of proceeds went to Shooting Star CHASE, a hospice for kids which supports 80-plus families with sick children in south-west London. Also exhibiting were the likes of Eileen Cooper RA and Tom Homewood. Winston Churchill, Mr Cameron's aesthete forbear, would be so proud...



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Catherine Tate



Prunella Scales



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COLLARS AND COATS

Oh we do love a dog on a red carpet, and they were out in force last month as Battersea Dogs and Cats Home held its annual Collars and Coats Gala Ball at Evolution. Stars of stage and screen gathered for this very worthy cause in the presence of Princess Michael of Kent, and joined the charity's Guard of Honour made up of dogs from the home, who lined the red carpet. Guests included Prunella Scales, Rosamund Hanson, Preeya Khalidas, Laila Rouass, Brix Smith Start and Hilary Alexander. CEO of Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, Claire Horton, said, "Battersea is now in its 150th year of caring for lost, unwanted and abandoned animals and our Collars and Coats Gala Ball really shows why our charity has earned a place in the heart of the nation. It's thanks to the kindness and generosity of our supporters that we are able to give these dogs, and thousands of others, a much needed second chance in life." **Photographs by David Baird.**



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Nothing gets us in the Christmas spirit quite like belting out a carol or two... here's our round-up of the best local opportunities to exercise those vocal chords

1 December

To mark the start of advent in style, join Mary Nightingale, Toby Stephens and Hugh Bonneville for a special carol concert in aid of much-loved children's charity Rainbow Trust at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge. There will be performances by contemporary gospel choirs Urban Voices and Cheam School Choir, who will croon a host of old favourites. £40 per person, book at rainbowtrust.org.uk/londoncarolconcert.

St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, SW1X 8SH

2 1 and 5–22 December

For the 64th year running, Trafalgar Square receives a towering tree (pictured) from the people of Oslo as a thank you for British support during World War Two, which not only attracts tourists but also choirs who, from 6pm and 9pm between 5 and 22 December, gather at Nelson's Column to delight passers-by. Perhaps the most special of these sing-alongs takes place on 1 December, as the choir from St. Martin-in-the-Field comes together at 6pm, before the tree's lights are switched on. Free.

3 5 December

Breast Cancer Care holds its 11th annual Carols by Candlelight at St. Paul's,

Knightsbridge, which will feature celebrity readings from the likes of Zoe Wanamaker, Dan Stevens and Cherie Booth after which there is a Champagne dinner for 250 guests in the Crypt. Quite the best way to sing for your supper – and all for a good cause too. Book tickets, £30 for an adult, £15 for a child, on 0845 092 0806, breastcancercare.org.uk, **St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, SW1X 8SH**

4 6 December

For the 24th year, and this year aiming to raise £100k for its cause, is the Macmillan Cancer Support Christmas Carol Concert at the Guard's Chapel. The Band of the Scots Guard, the choir of the Royal Military Chapel and a

cappella ensemble VOCES8 join Alison Balson on the trumpet, Natalie Clein on the 'cello, bass-baritone Gerald Finley and tenor Toby Spence. Readings are provided by Richard Wilson and Damian Lewis. Tickets range from £35 to £110, book at macmillan.org.uk/guardschapel. **Guard's Chapel, Wellington Barracks, SW1A 1AA**

5 17 December

As ever, the Royal Albert Hall offers an irresistible Christmas line-up from Christmas Classics with Lesley Garrett (13 December) to King's College Choir (20 December), the pinnacle of which is undoubtedly Carols by Candlelight. Seasonal classics – including the Christmas sequence from Handel's *Messiah* – will be performed in full 18th-century costume, plus there are lots of opportunities for audience sing-alongs to the likes of *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*. Tickets priced between £15 and £23.50, **book at alberthall.com**

6 20 December

For another year, those most chic of boutique businesses on Chelsea Green sponsor the Chelsea Green Carol Service, which is organised by the Chelsea

branch of John D Wood. The *al fresco* festivities on the green, which will go ahead come rain or shine, feature a choir from St. Luke's, a brass band, a raffle, cakes from Jane Asher, nibbles and gallons of mulled wine. Join the hundreds who gather to sing their hearts out from 6.30pm. Free. **Chelsea Green, SW3 3QU**

7 21 December

Cadogan Hall is a perennial favourite of ours, but at no time more than Christmas. We'll be joining the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra for the Christmas Cracker, which features Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel Overture*, Tchaikovsky's *Waltz of the Flowers* and Head's *The Little Road to Bethlehem* – plus, of course, audience carols. £12.50 – £37.50, **book at cadoganhall.com**

8 24 December

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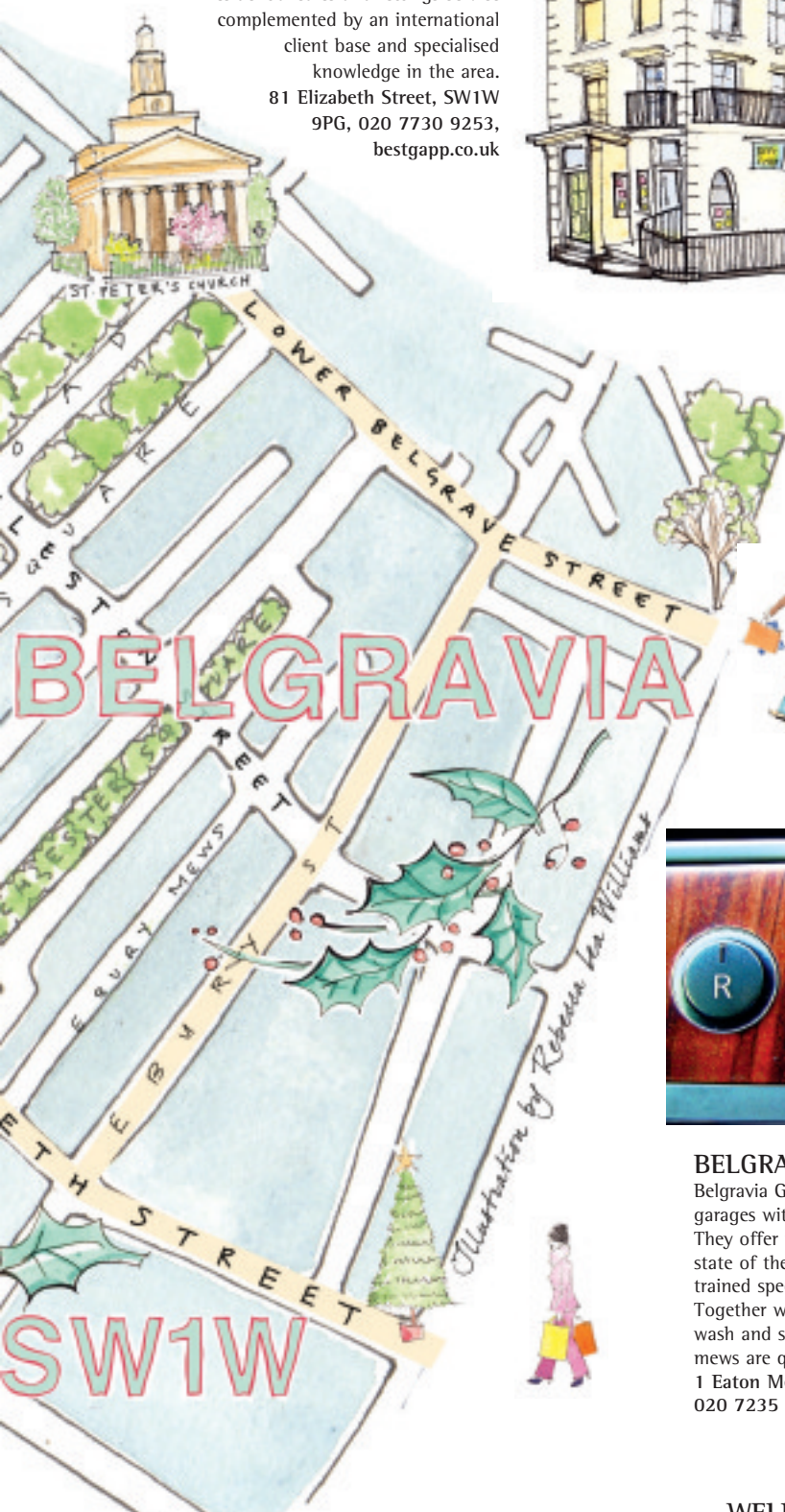


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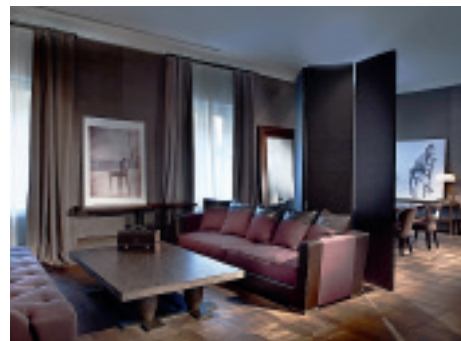
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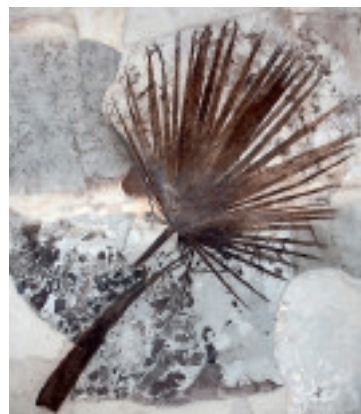
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Robert Gwyn Palmer rounds up the best literary – and not so literary – buys for the bookworm's stocking this Christmas



The thing about giving a book as a Christmas present is that you can't go very wrong.

All that worrying about getting exactly the right one is futile if you follow the maxim that if it's frightfully clever stuff they'll be flattered, or if it's fun, no one would be Scrooge-like enough not to allow that Christmas is the time to think of things to be cheerful about in life. And buying a book for yourself to escape into as you grapple with family life and the turkey's innards is no bad thing either: it won't answer back or require any additional attention, but will be a sybaritic pleasure – a useful antidote in the season of 'giving'.

Some history never goes amiss, and will arrive at the perfect time of year for quick dipping just before the post-prandial snooze. There's plenty to keep you both intellectually and visually awake in the illustrated version of *The Hare With The Amber Eyes* (Chatto, £25), potter Edmund de Waal's story of his distinguished family's suffering at Hitler's hands, told through the

device of the exquisite collection of 'netsuke', 264 Japanese wood and ivory carvings left to him in his uncle's will. For a political biography, why not skip contemporary concerns about party allegiance (and the whingeing and backstabbing too) and read about a 'real' politician to be conjured with – Viscount Castlereagh.

Castlereagh (Quercus, £20) is written by a 'real' historian, John Bew, who offers a new insight into a much-maligned and misunderstood man. Looking beyond the doings of men and mortals, surely Christmas is not a bad time to reflect on what it is we're celebrating from a religious point of view: *The Message and The Book: Sacred Texts of the World's Religions* by John Bowker (Atlantic, £25) looks at not just Christianity but all the great religions of the world.

And who would want to miss out on some of the top literary novels of the year – the ones we all pretend we've read on the beach? Be sure to include some of the following in your list of choices: *One Day* by David Nicholls (Hodder, £7.99) is one

of the most talked-about books of the year and surely one to read, if you haven't already, as well as seeing the film; *The Slap*, by Christos Tsiolkas (Atlantic, £8.99), a wonderfully controversial Booker-nominated novel, the response to which is pure Marmite and might be an opportunity for another family row; the long-awaited *At Last*, the concluding volume of Edward St Aubyn's semi-autobiographical series of books ('expert in their description of both the upper classes and of drugs') is pure reading pleasure (Picador, £16.99); Joanna Trollope has penned *Daughters-in-law* (Doubleday, £18.99) – and what more suitable tinderbox could there be than family conflict across the ages over the 'festive' season?; and then there's *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett (Penguin, £7.99), a book everyone is talking about as the *To Kill a Mockingbird* of our time.

At the opposite end of the intellectual spectrum there should be instant fun and games (well, maybe after dinner) with *Spin the Bottle* (Nicotext, £5.99), which

sets up challenges and dares to excite and embarrass; or, conversely, should you wish to avoid feeling embarrassed ever again, try *The Gentleman's Instant Genius Guide* by Tom Cutler (Constable, £12.99), for short-cuts to instant genius and cool.

And if you still find yourself unable to match the book to the person, then go for a cookery tome. Amuse the children with the beautifully illustrated Great Ormond Street children's cookbook *Cook With Kids* by Rob Kirby (Absolute Press, £9.99), or reawaken someone's retro inner child with *The Popeye Cookbook* (Self-Made Hero, £14.99) for a wallow in nostalgia and a healthy dose of spinach. Sink into literary culinary heaven by buying the entire *Penguin Classics Great Food* (Penguin, £42 for all six) and feed and water your senses without leaving your chair (and without having to ingest a single extra festive nut). Britain is now unashamedly foodie, and to admit to a lack of interest in gastronomy is little less than social death; and we can't have that at Christmas, can we? ■



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Chipping away

As she comes up to her decade in the post, director of the Royal British Society of Sculptors Anne Rawcliffe-King talks to **Alexander Larman** about the brilliant lack of uniformity in contemporary sculpture, the Society's Bursary Awards, and why she believes in the enduring power of art

I arrive at the Kensington headquarters of the Royal British Society of Sculptors to be greeted not by a uniformed flunky or by an immaculately groomed receptionist, but instead by a charming young woman wearing an apron covered in debris – presumably from dealing with the imminent exhibition of the RBS' Bursary Awards, a major showcase for ten up-and-coming sculptors. I'm here to talk to its director, Anne Rawcliffe-King, about the exhibition, sculpture *en générale* and how the various cuts and stoppages of the recent years have affected the body's work. With the final preparations in place, everyone at the society is busy, but nonetheless, Rawcliffe-King proves a gracious and charming host.

Discussing the upcoming Bursary Awards, she is passionately engaged about the chance to promote emerging talent. Of course, with such a hotly contested opportunity to be seen as one of the leading sculptors of a generation, the selection process has to be rigorous. "We're looking for promise, not necessarily fully resolved works, but someone with the potential to go far",

Rawcliffe-King tells me. The rewards are considerable; two years' free membership, plus with an influential panel of eight responsible for the final decision, it can be a career-making one.

As you might expect within this field, there is little to unify the sculptors, other than their commitment to the three-dimensional. Instead, as Rawcliffe-King says, "there's an enormous range of ideas being explored, from fig-

"We're looking for promise, not necessarily fully resolved works, but someone with the potential to go far"

urative representations to far more abstract concepts." She asks me whether I think anything unifies them; not wishing to betray my comparative lack of knowledge, I hazard a guess that they're all interested in the relationship with space. A raised eyebrow. "Space is, after all, a traditional concern of sculpture". I smile, nod and examine my notes slightly more closely than before. Thankfully, Rawcliffe-King finds

my apparent ignorance amusing, rather than risible.

Of course, for many, the golden age of sculpture, at least in Britain, came in the earlier part of the 20th-century, when the likes of Eric Gill and Barbara Hepworth dominated the scene. Asked whether figures of equivalent stature still exist, Rawcliffe-King chooses her words carefully. "I don't believe that we do have a Gill or a Hepworth today,

because I think that sculpture has seen a huge explosion of creativity, especially in the past thirty years. We've watched the evolution of sculpture arising from a lump of stone, or bronze, to virtually anything, including squashed dead flies and light and sound. This

'big bang' means that all the various paths sculptors take have been more diverse, so I don't think that there's the dominant boldness of earlier artists." She refuses to name favourites – "we have 500 members; it would be invidious to single them out" – but one figure who does rate an individual mention is Antony Gormley, whose work has combined accessibility with innovation; Rawcliffe-King defines ➡



Anne Rawcliffe-King poses next to *Horizon Pavilion* by Jenkse Dijkhuis outside the front of the Royal British Society of Sculptors

➔ his recent South Bank installations as ‘fantastic’, reflecting: “I’d never looked at the skyline that way before... it was a fascinating process.”

This innovative boldness is key to the work of the members of the RBS. The former director of the ICA, Ekow Eshun, announced in a recent speech that ‘sculpture is social’, a tellingly ambiguous remark. Pressed on how she interprets his comments, Rawcliffe-King at first describes it as “the response of the body to a physical space, especially insofar as it involves people and their interaction with it.” However, ‘social’ is a loaded term, and she soon acknowledges that “there’s also a more political dimension to it, whether you’re defining it with a big or small p.” Certainly, Eshun’s comments seemed to hint at sculpture’s potential to interact with the big issues of the day, and Rawcliffe-King alludes to “a lack of confidence in the

two-dimensional world that sculpture isn’t suffering. Confrontation has always been key, and it’s particularly interesting to look at the way that representations of war have evolved. Look at the recently restored Royal Artillery Memorial by Charles Sargeant Jagger – it was made in 1925, but doesn’t attempt to shy away from the horrors of war, and represents an explicitly political statement.”

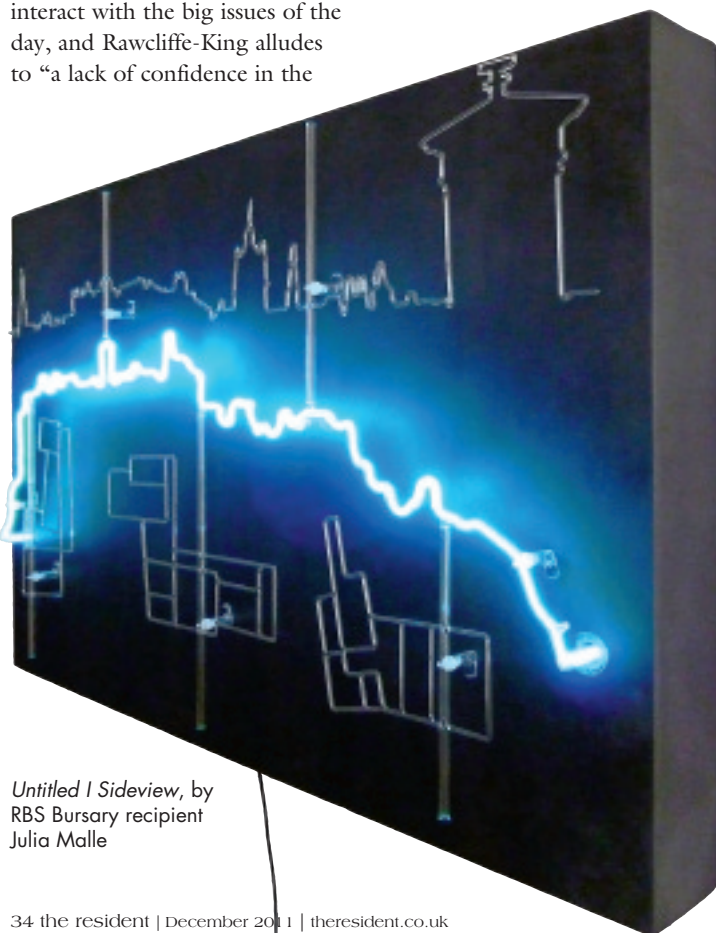
When asked what role sculpture plays in society today,

Rawcliffe-King makes the point that it’s almost easier to define it in terms of what it doesn’t do any more. “It’s certainly less explicitly celebratory, although economic power is certainly extolled in much of its acquisition. Many corporations will acquire outstanding pieces for their offices.” When asked whether she objects to this rather over-zealous acquisition process, meaning that many major works will be unavailable to the public, she chooses her words carefully. “I have no reason to object to corporations having wonderful art, but I’d like to see public access, and I’d be very sorry if it was all squirreled away into vaults, because I don’t see that as the real value of art. A lot of corporations do make their work available, which I’m grateful for, but...” The sentence is left meaningfully unfinished. Conversely, she’s almost evangelical about the unexpected ways in which sculpture can appear in everyday public life, referring, almost disbelievably, to the fact

that four works of Elizabeth Frink decorate a department store in Worthing, of all places. Still, the challenges – ‘opportunities!’ – that contemporary sculptors face, artistic and commercial, cannot be played down. “We’ve been in existence for a hundred years, and are made up of 500-plus individuals, which can be interesting in terms of determining a unifying direction. It’s a hard career choice, and it’s even more difficult than it was, because there’s less money available to study the arts. Buying original art, unfortunately, is an easy sacrifice for some. However, I’ve got great confidence in the enduring power of art – after all, we’ve been through some pretty tough times in the past century, with depressions and recessions, and we’re still here!”

Next year, she celebrates a decade as director of the RBS, which remains unique in the world in that it’s only open to professional sculptors. (She rejects any idea that this is elitist, crisply describing the RBS as ‘interested in excellence.’) Shows by Susan Forsyth and Ainslie Yule are in the pipeline, two contrasting exhibitions that are innovative and forward-looking. As she says, “there’s no such thing as a typical show here. It’s perfectly possible to come and loathe something, and then come back a few months later and see your favourite exhibition of the year.” Asked about the future, she says: “I’m keen to see that the building has a revamp, but it’s proved difficult because it’s Grade-II listed. The challenge is going to be making sure I’m not remembered as the person who ruined the place!” On the evidence of the past decade, and hopefully the next, there seems little danger of that. ■

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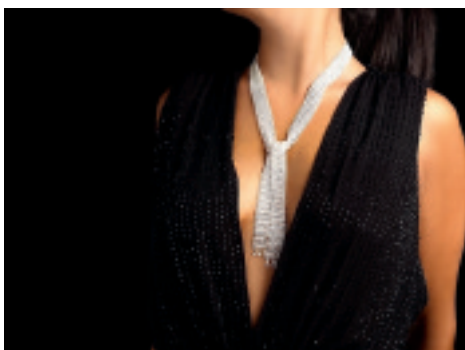
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be exceeded. Let the enthusiastic KutchenArte experts take you through the journey of planning your perfect, practical and stylish kitchen, for the social centre of your home. They are there to not only help with any questions you have when planning your kitchen, but also to understand your requirements, your personality and how it fits with your life.

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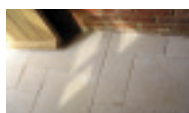
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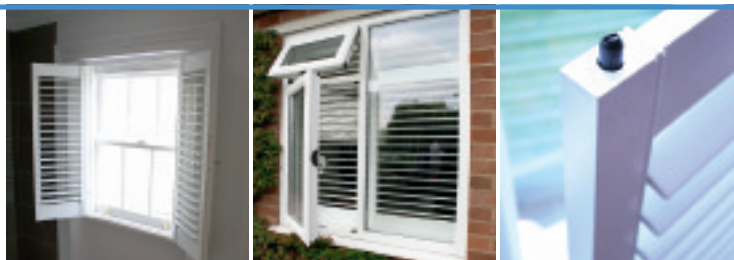
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Have yourself an

elegant Christmas

Judith Wilson will this year be eschewing reds, greens, golds and tartans as her festive hues of choice, opting instead for a chic palette of silver and white

We love a traditional Christmas, but equally it is fun to get creative and break from the classic red and green. Aim instead for a fusion of fashion and elegance, in naturals, white and silver, whilst bringing out a few seasonal favourites for nostalgia's sake.

For most of us, the tree is the focus, so buy the biggest natural one your space can accommodate. Kensington-based interior designer **Turner Pocock** (turner-pocock.co.uk) advocates an organic decorative mood. "Think wooden ornaments, brown paper packages tied with string, chillies, cinnamon sticks and berry wreaths," say Bunny and Emma.

Designer **Patrick Mavros** (patrickmavros.com), for whom home is a farm in Zimbabwe, says he and his wife, Catja, like to salvage a dead acacia tree to decorate. "We hang locally made coloured glass beads and shells: the contrast between the dead wood and the bright decorations feels contemporary," he says. For natural decorations, look out for **Cox & Cox's** (coxandcox.co.uk) wooden birds on a gold thread (£3.50 for six).

If you're after a snowy, sparkly look, then **Spina Design**, which is decorating 11 of the Harrods windows this year, suggests using "gleaming crystal pendants with

delicate double satin ribbon fastenings". For crystal decorations, **re-foundobjects.com** (01434 634567) has great vintage glass chandelier pendants (2.50), pictured right, or antiqued mirrored and wire decorations (£4). At **John Lewis** this year, Pearl White is a key festive theme. "Pearl White is all about delicate glamour rather than glitz," says Lisa Rutherford, buyer for Season Events at John Lewis.

"Beading and etched glass combine to make for a very grown-up look."

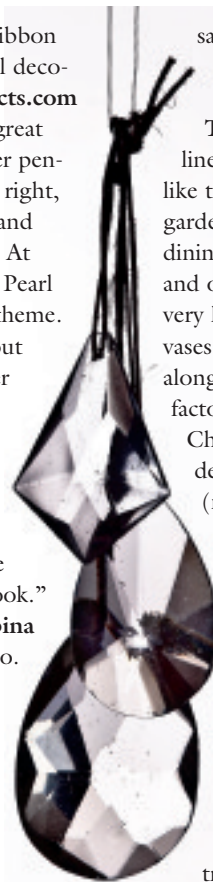
As for the table, **Spina Design** (spinadesign.co.uk) suggests crystal napkin holders in clear, amber or jet to inject sparkle. "Add gingerbread men with crystal button detailing for a fun and nostalgic touch," they say. Patty, owner of **anangelatmytable.com** (0845 2000 723) likes an unorthodox mix of gold and silver. "We use odd candelabras to dress our table, and loads of tea lights," she says. "I hang white birds from a white twig tree, perhaps adding delicious pinks, limes and purples." Get a similar look with its table chandelier with crystals and white

satin shades (£175).

For an on-trend natural look, Marina Guirey of **The Linen Works** (thelinenworks.co.uk), says: "I like to use greenery from the garden. Rosemary makes the dining room smell delicious, and olive trees have effective silvery leaves." She also fills small vases with snowberries, lined along the table. For true 'wow' factor, scale things up.

Chelsea-based interior designer, **Michael Reeves** (michaelreevesassociates.co.uk), says his centre-piece will be a 1m diameter wire urn, on a matching pedestal, lined with moss on the outside. "It will be planted with a grove of small Christmas trees of varying heights, crowded together, with a single glitter star on the tallest tree."

As for present-wrapping, take time over gifts. For simple yet colourful ribbon, try the aubergine, fuchsia pink or red ribbon with contrast stitching (£8 for a 15m roll) online at **sophiesribbons.com** (01584 823657), or you will be spoiled for choice at **V V Rouleaux's** (vvrouleaux.com) sumptuous Chelsea ribbon shop. And that's it – all wrapped up.





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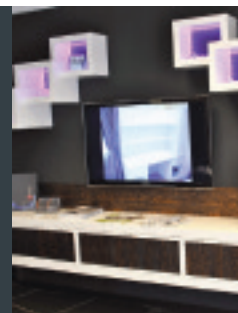
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Victorian splendour

Nancy Alsop experiences a serious sense of déjà-vu at this breath-taking and exemplary late Victorian, six-floor Earl's Court home

As I am ushered in to a drawing room so grand I can imagine the likes of Elizabeth Bennet and her ilk wafting around it, I'm struck by an overwhelming sense of déjà vu. But the images conjured in my head are not – despite incalculable readings of Austen – those of empire-line dresses and embroidery. Rather what springs to mind – curiously given this room's sublimely elegant French doors, its verdant views over a private Earl's Court garden, its cornicing and its fine parquet floors – is a dim memory of being mummified in loo roll somewhere in the vicinity of those chic floor-to-ceiling doors, while disco lights flashed around me. And then it dawns. This is not a flashback to some vile fresher's week initiation, but rather a hazy recollection of my 10th birthday party – a 'disco' which finished up around 9pm – spent in this very building, the loo roll being a part of a party game played for, presumably, prizes of sweets.

What I failed to realise at the

time was how very privileged I was to be marking my graduation to double figures with a bash at such a fine gem of a Victorian building – or indeed, anything of its fascinating history. After all, this 715sqm building spread over

Ernest George and Peto elaborated on the plainer Queen Anne stock

six floors (with lift) – which has recently been the subject of some serious renovation – is an exemplar of late Victorian architecture. Built between 1880 and 1888, number 14 Collingham Gardens was designed by Ernest George and Peto, a firm known for elaborating on the plainer stock of the Queen Anne style of the period. What makes it even more special is that this particular style was so short lived; this row of



The rear exterior as seen from Collingham Gardens

red-bricked houses on Collingham Gardens represents some of the best-preserved examples of it. Adding to its considerable fascination is that until a decade ago, this towering example of the period's vernacular style housed the HQ of The Polish Air Force Association who used it as a meeting place to reflect on past achievements – and what finer place to do it? More recently, a private owner has restored it to its former glory, retaining original features such as chandeliers and beautiful cornicing – 18,000 airmen will, after all, take their toll.

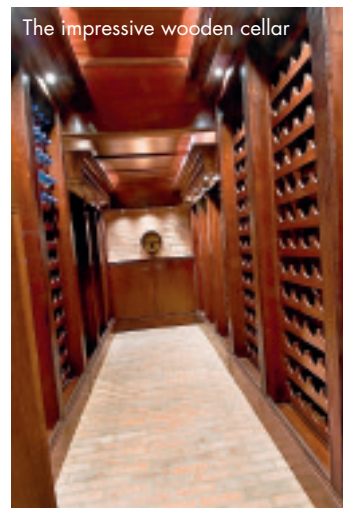
Walking into the building some 20 years on from my last visit, it presents a curious melange of the ultra-masculine at the front of the house (all wood panelling and Orient Express-style opulence and views over Bramham Gardens), while the back has a distinctly more feminine flavour, being lighter and more geared towards comfort.

Views on this side are across Collingham Gardens.

The kitchen in the basement is vast, the best bit being a dark wooden cellar, the ground floor presents further dining or reception options, with a conservatory at the back, and upstairs, there are no less than six bedrooms and seven bathrooms (many of them Moroccan in feel, with large marble sunken baths). On the very top floor there is even a private cinema room. Just the sort of thing it was better that my 10-year old incarnation was ignorant of – the disco might well have been deserted in favour of such excitements. My adult self, meanwhile, would be content to imagine the balls that could be held within these remarkable walls. ■

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Conway confidential

Shopping for vintage has roundly shaken off the 'second-hand' label, and in its very highest form, says **Henry Conway**, it can be akin to collecting rare and fine art

Before its ascendance to acceptability, 'vintage' wasn't a consideration. A witty, "You mean second-hand, love" could be thrown at you as you wore your best flea market find with pride. The past decade has changed all that, with the vintage market exploding into a lifestyle choice as well raising clothes to their rightful place: as collectables.

Collecting vintage is a reaction against a globalised fashion market, where the same collections can be bought in every major city the world over. Uniqueness is key – dressing in vintage says you

looking at Picasso in his Blue Period. Collectors will go out of their way to obtain specific pieces that, like art, hold their value.

If there is one place in London where you can guarantee finding vintage gold dust, it is Atelier Mayer. Founded by Carmen Haid (one of the chicest women I know), it makes 50s Dior, 60s Chanel and 70s Halston live again, curated rather than selected. As Carmen says: "The great thing with vintage is you don't need to follow a trend. It is outside the fast fashion cycle. Good vintage is all about quality, heritage, forgotten materials, the per-

ice which provides for the undeniable: that body shapes and sizes have changed significantly.

If you don't like the idea of *buying* vintage, you can always try inheriting it. Tamara Mellon archives many of her pieces as future vintage for her daughter. I have one of my Grandfather's 1930s Crombie Coats, still immaculate and one of my favourite possessions. The fabric is heavy twill, quality that would cost too much to produce today.

To get in a vintage mood, I took my sister Claudia to listen to jazz imp Jamie Cullum play the Met Bar. He was astounding, and upcycles classic jazz standards like no-one else. We were surrounded by women in fits of hysteria over the wee chap. It all went downhill when I let out a full on fan scream, though not for him, but his crystal encrusted high tops.

Meanwhile, Converse were definitely not on the list at the launch of Baku magazine. Towering heels, flowing gowns and black tie were out in force as I sat opposite supermodel Jacquetta Wheeler and caught up with Nicky Haslam. Taking a leaf out of Nicky's book, I was persuaded to sing some Cole Porter the night after at the Playboy Club for Breast Cancer Haven. I tried my best but I think I lost the crowd during my bossa nova version of *Sex Bomb*. ■



Earl's Court's Orsini does a great made-to-measure line inspired by its vintage collections, from the 1920s through to the 1970s and 80s, as shown, above and below



Yves Saint Laurent's 1974 Ballets Russe collection is like looking at Picasso in his Blue Period

understand fashion references and that you are an individual.

Be warned: there is vintage and vintage. I don't mean those flea-bitten junk shops that pass themselves off as vintage emporiums, but rather retailers who revel in beauty and quality. This isn't fancy dress, it is serious fashion heritage. For me, collecting clothing is comparable to collecting art; Yves Saint Laurent's 1974 Ballets Russe collection is like

fect silhouette and cut." She is not militant about labels, sourcing a whole range of unlabeled couture from the 1920s through to the 50s, giving you made-to-measure, breathtaking showstoppers. Another great go-to place for beautiful pieces from the 1920s through to the 80s is Orsini on the Earl's Court Road, where Stella McCartney has been known to drop in for inspiration. It has an excellent alteration serv-

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Middle row, left to right: Oval gloriote earrings, £4,500, by Astley Clarke, astleyclarke.com; Large rose-cut cluster ring with central oval faceted Mandarin Garnet and rose-cut diamonds set in 18kt yellow gold, £21,780, by Fiona Knapp, fionaknapp.com; Jade chandelier earrings, £2,185, by Ralph Lauren, ralphlauren.co.uk; Oschia necklace, £295, available at kirstengoss.com

Bottom row, left to right: Green garnet set ball pendant in a white gold setting, £1,499, from the Kaleidoscope Collection by Heming, 18 – 19 Burlington Arcade, W1, hemingjewels.com; 'River' sapphire and diamond necklace, POA, by Harry Winston, harrywinston.com; 'Cacherel' cuff, £195, by Kirsten Goss, kirstengoss.com; Tilly Sapphire ring, £245, by Brilliant Ink, bybrilliant.com

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Even handed

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Peter Jones has emerged, phoenixlike, from a £7m makeover, and one integral new addition is its new apothecary-style department dedicated to scented candles, arranged on floor-to-ceiling wooden shelves stacked with bell jars and lanterns. Amongst the 20 brands stocked are exclusive hand-pressed pewter sealed candles by Votivo, (£12 – £40), plus perfumed flower arrangements by Hervé Gambis, costing from £20 up to £300. **johnlewis.com**



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SPA REVIEW:

EF Medispa, Kensington



THE TREATMENT: ‘Refirme’, a quick and painless treatment that uses deep-heating technology to renew collagen, resulting in smoother skin.

THE SPA: This elegant spa – a glass-fronted, five-storey corner house halfway between Notting Hill and Kensington High Street – specialises in ‘intelligent skin care’ and aesthetic medicine; treatments promise to correct every kind of flaw, from rejuvenating facials, body sculpting and cosmetic surgery to complementary therapies such as nutrition advice and Reiki, a system of natural healing. It was founded by Esther Fieldgrass, an energetic 60-year-old with flawless skin who has been in the aesthetics industry for close to 40 years. Her achievements, listed on the spa’s website, make for impressive reading. She originally trained in hair and beauty therapy, opened her first salon in 1972 and built up a chain of branches. In 1983 she moved to Asia and, while living there,

trained in reflexology, crystal healing therapy and cranial sacral therapy. She later graduated at the Still Point Institute in New Hampshire as a Certified Intuitive Healer and was also inducted as Reiki Master in Hong Kong. In 1995 she returned to Europe and was one of the first practitioners to combine eastern spiritual philosophy with western technology. She now owns three EF MediSpas in London: two more are situated in Chelsea and St. John’s Wood.

THE FACIAL: When gravity comes to call and one is not ready for the knife, what is the best anti-ageing treatment for the skin? “I call it the going-south-syndrome,” says Fieldgrass, casting an experienced eye. “There are two possible ways of intervention. If you want to look instantly younger, I’d recommend a combination of Botox and Dermal Fillers. Botox relaxes crow’s feet and forehead lines, while dermal fillers are a great way to restore volume and

softer lines”. And the other avenue? “The Refirme Treatment which stimulates collagen production through radio frequency pulses and infrared light. It has excellent firming results and is a safe solution for all skin types. But it takes longer for results to be seen.”

THE PROCEDURE: Clients are first asked to fill in a health consultation form, followed by a private discussion about the best way forward. After the face has been cleansed with a Papaya emulsion, eyes are covered with pads. A cold gel is smeared over the face to protect it from the heat of the treatment. Radio frequency pulses are then directed at the skin, which deliver constant, gradual energy to the skin, causing heat to build up where the dermal and fat layer comes together. The increasing heat causes the collagen bundle deep inside the skin to contract. This process stimulates the growth of new collagen and results, over time, in firmer,


tighter skin. The treatment feels hot close to the eyes but is not uncomfortable. Half way through, the therapist stops to show the difference between one side of the face (treated) and the other (not yet done). Many clients, says therapist Kate assuringly, notice a subtle difference after one treatment.

SPA SCORE The beauty industry is a highly competitive market and the variety of choice makes it difficult to make a snap decision. If you’re unsure of what to do, EF MediSpa offers a comprehensive menu of high-tech and holistic aesthetic treatments in calm and beautifully designed surroundings. **8/10**

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If you sneakily started to comfort eat when the cold weather set in, EF MEDISPA's Spa RF Contouring (as seen on Tamara Ecclestone's Billion Dollar Girl) uses advanced radio frequency to tone and tighten the skin on the face and neck to give you an instantly streamlined silhouette with minimal downtime. If it's stubborn areas of fat that are your downfall, ditch the control pants and book in for Vaser Lipo. Hot from the USA, the technique extracts fat without damaging surrounding tissue to give you back your curves – no knives necessary. And if you've always dreamed of having fuller or more symmetrical breasts, stop looking at that party dress hanging in the wardrobe and let one of their highly trained surgeons give you the bust size – and the confidence to wear any dress that you want.

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The Intensive programme employs exercise and diet methods that radically shift body fat and totally re-sculpt the body, without compromising metabolism. "It's so important to teach our clients how to boost their metabolism so that once they have lost the weight they can easily keep it off," she notes. "So many diets will get the weight off but your metabolism will come to a grinding halt or they are just not sustainable." The programme's emphasis on resistance work and an intelligent eating plan ensure the results that clients achieve are long lasting and, most of all, easy to maintain. "No aspect of what we do is extremist," she explains. "Every element of the plan is sensible, researched and proven to work. But what we do is put it all together to create massive transformations in our clients' bodies and lifestyles."

"My team are world class and without doubt some of the best in the country. Most come from a Sports Science background and we have two Olympic athletes amongst us. We all share a friendly, no-nonsense approach and between us we offer an unrivalled service to our clients. I'm hugely proud to have such a talented and committed team behind me."

Louise Parker believes anyone can have a fantastic body – regardless of age, body type and starting point: "By following my method, you really will be blown away by how you can change your body shape, overall fitness and exceed your own expectations."

Her programme is suitable for anyone wanting exceptional results, in record time. The Intensive is hugely popular with clients needing to be what she calls 'red-carpet ready' – whether that's for a wedding, new job-role or even the school run. "I love helping post-natal mums," she explains. "Since I had my daughters in quick succession, I fully understand the challenges new mothers are faced with, and what has to

"The Intensive employs exercise and diet methods that radically shift body fat and totally re-sculpt the body, without compromising metabolism"



be done to return you to your former glory."

Louise Parker designs each programme with one of her team before the programme commences, based on the individual's requirements and deadlines. A rigid, yet balanced food plan is devised, ensuring optimal results. She personally monitors your diet diary on a daily basis to

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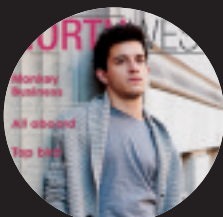
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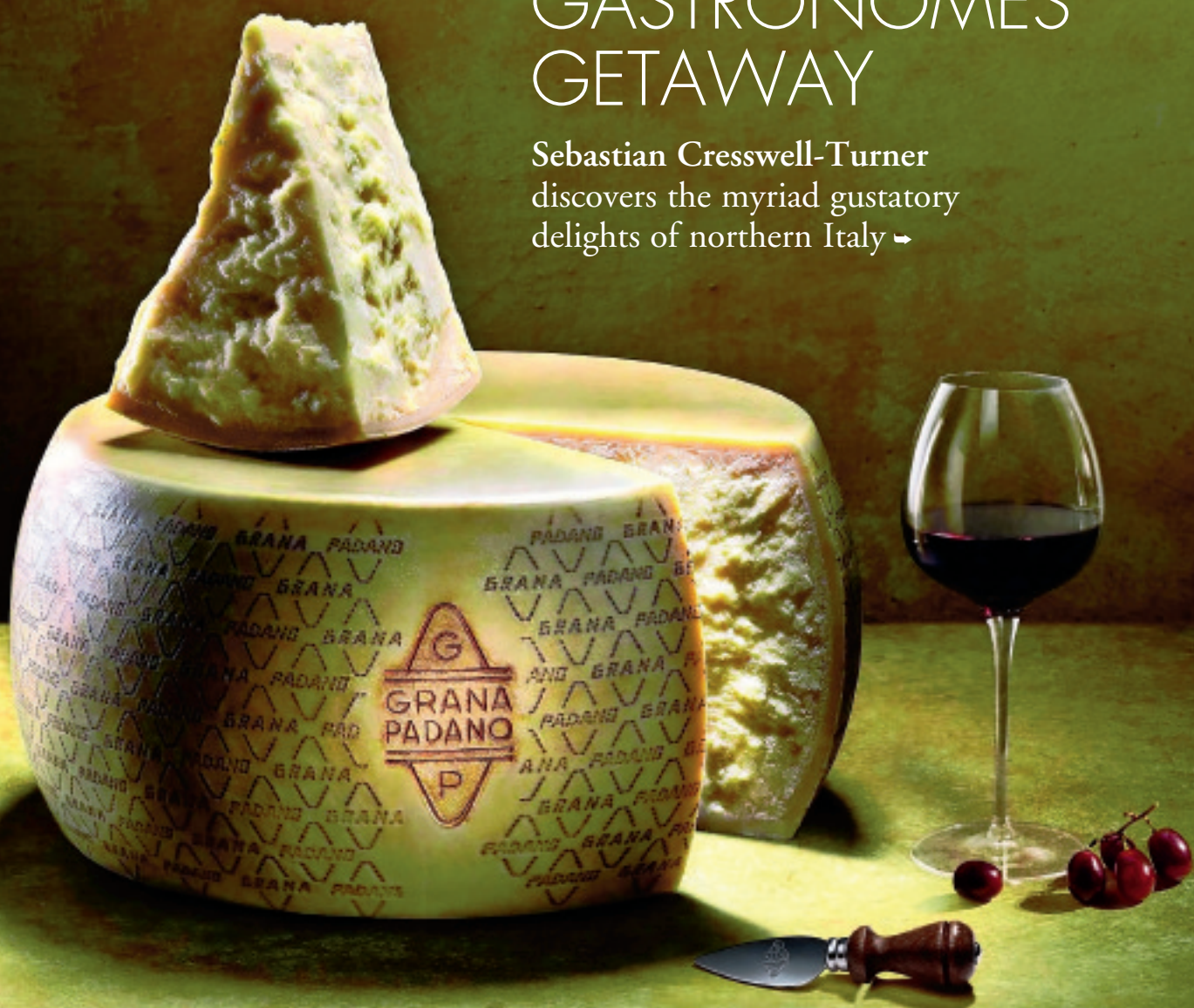
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GASTRONOMES' GETAWAY

Sebastian Cresswell-Turner
discovers the myriad gustatory
delights of northern Italy ▸





What, exactly, is the difference between parmesan and Grana Padano?

And what, too, is the difference between Parma ham and San Daniele ham? I managed to live in Italy for nine years without discovering the answers to these questions; nor, if I am to be quite candid, did this lapse on my part ever cause me much anguish. In generic terms the first two are, of course, hard cheeses that you grate over pasta; and the second two are delicacies that never seem to stay on the plate for long. And that, as far as I was concerned, was that.

Until recently. Because for the producers of both Grana Padano and San Daniele, such ignorance is unacceptable; and when they offered to fly me out to Italy to look round their factories and eat my way round the local restaurants with a group of fellow journalists, most of whom would, I knew, be almost as dissolute and self-indulgent as myself,

I accepted in a flash.

Apart from the treasure-houses of famous cities such as Verona, Mantova, Vicenza, Padova, Ferrara and Modena, the broad fertile plain of the river Po in northern Italy is not much visited by tourists, who prefer the Alps to the north or the rolling hills of central Italy to the south. And with reason. The Po valley, as it is called, is the economic powerhouse of the country and it is only thanks to its industrious populace and numerous factories that the rest of the place remains half-way solvent.

If you know where to look, however, this area with its modest farmhouses and discreet lines of poplars has considerable understated charm; and wherever you go, the local food is delicious and just occasionally exquisite. Indeed, the gastronomic gems that I discovered as a guest of Messrs Grana Padano and San Daniele merely add weight to the now widely-held view that Italy – and certainly no longer France –

is the food capital of the world. Not for nothing, surely, was the Slow Food movement born here.

So here we are, driving to the outskirts of Mantova to inspect a Grana Padano factory as privileged visitors, because vigorously enforced rules about hygiene mean that these places are closed to the public. As we put plastic covers over our shoes and clothes, our guide talks us through the basics.

Grana Padano – the first part of the name refers to its grainy consistency, the second to the Po valley – was first made by monks in 1135 and for much of the Middle Ages the portable wheels were used as a form of currency. It is aged for between nine and 40 months and is suitable for grating after 18 months. As for the difference between Grana Padano and parmesan, produced not far away, the former has a lower fat content and is less expensive, but otherwise the two are largely interchangeable.

What I want to know, though,



Stacking up: whole wheels of cheese at the Grana Padano factory are aged between nine and forty months



San Daniele has been made in the town of the same name since Celtic times

is why, whenever I eat Grana or parmesan, I can feel a sensation that is tingly and oddly cleansing? The answer comes without hesitation: those are the complexes of free amino acids and lactic salt doing their work. Basically, this stuff is good for you.

Which I willingly believe; especially as we are off to the first restaurant. Situated beneath a 19th-century tower built in honour of Victor Emmanuel II and with a view over Lake Garda, the Osteria alla Torre is unassuming

enough, but the quality of the food more than justifies a short detour from the motorway. For antipasto there is Grana Padano, which is a source of pride hereabouts and is often eaten in small hunks by itself. As a primo, my duck tortelloni with thyme sauce is stunningly, unexpectedly good; for the secondo, there's a generous mixed grill, frankly surplus to requirements; and for the dolce, a plate of small cakes, each one more delicate and sophisticated than the last. Washed down with

quantities of the local white wine called Lugana, this costs no more than €40 per person.

At lunchtime the next day it was off to another restaurant, the Selva Capuzza, also near the same commemorative tower, but this time rather grander, with its own estate. The (fabulous) menù degustazione here costs just €35, and includes a glass or two of wine. Plus, you can stay on the estate too, at a cost of €90-105 for two, breakfast included. An ideal base for a gastronomic tour of the area and one which avoids the overcrowded mayhem that is Lake Garda in the summer.

Then on to the hills west of Udine, where the small town of San Daniele is synonymous with the cured ham that has been made here since Celtic times. Like Grana Padano, this product was also used as a substitute currency in the Middle Ages; like Grana, it is now made in factories that look entirely anonymous from the outside; and compared to Parma ham, San Daniele, which ideally is matured for 15

months, is sweeter, more tender, a bit more expensive ... and, basically, better. The bee's knees of ham, so to speak.

But it's the secret restaurants that really interest us. Grani di Pepe in the nearby town of Flaibano is not only ultra-hip, but also ultra-good. I know that El Bulli is meant to be the best restaurant in the world, but food can only get so good, and this is good enough for me. Scallops with saffron and asparagus and shavings of Grana; tortellini made from spelt with a courgette and lemon zest filling; and I could go on; all for about €40. Plus, you can stay here in rooms that are the last word in witty design.

Lastly, do not miss out on Ai Bintars, a family-run osteria that attracts rave reviews from those in-the-know. Based on the latinised version of the Anglo-Saxon word 'winter', its name refers to the local workers who, within living memory, spent summers in factories in Germany and returned to San Daniele in the cold months. With its red-checkered table cloths, this place has a fixed €20 menu that includes artichoke hearts, mushrooms, cheeses, vino sfuso (wine in a jug) and San Daniele ham that melts in your mouth. There might or might not be some free amino acids involved, too, but at this stage I was no longer asking fussy questions.

Just go there and try it for yourself ... ■

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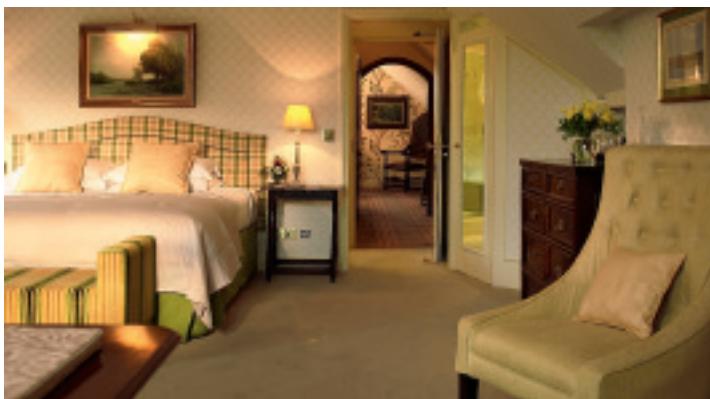
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Mini-breaks: Gravetye Manor, West Hoathly

First impressions

Approached down a lengthy sweeping drive, the actual building that houses Gravetye is less extravagant than one might expect. An Elizabethan manor that has been sympathetically and ably extended over the years, it is a neat synergy of old and new that doesn't compromise on comfort or taste.

Getting there

It's a ten-minute taxi drive from East Grinstead station, which is itself about an hour from London. Alternatively it's fairly handy for Gatwick airport.

The welcome

The immediate impression is that staff are unsurprisingly lovely – which might have something to do with the fact that the current owner, Jeremy Hosking, loved the hotel so much he bought it when it went into administration in 2010. A recently completed

makeover has updated subtly, but not so much as to frighten the horses. The entrance hall, complete with enormous open fireplace and mahogany paneling, is a thing of beauty.

The rooms

The suite that we stayed in, Birch (all the rooms are named after trees), was charming and extremely comfortable, and had a complimentary minibar of water and fruit juice, an iPod dock and even a miniature library. The view, over the front garden, was pleasant, but if you want a really spectacular panorama, be sure to ask for one of the rooms at the back, which overlook what seems like miles of green fields.

The restaurant

Under executive chef Rupert Gleadow, the restaurant is making a determined bid to win back a Michelin star that it has held in the past. Dishes make extensive

use of fruit and vegetables from the hotel's gardens, and meat and fish are locally sourced and taste impeccable. A seven-course tasting menu is sublime from the amuse bouches to the petit fours, but those with less hearty appetites will be equally well-served by the a la carte or the excellent value table d'hôte.

The gardens

No visit is complete without a walk round the gardens, designed by 19th-century horticulturalist and botanist William Robinson. Under the expert care of head gardener Tom Coward, they offer a captivatingly magical melange of the formal and the wild. The impeccable croquet lawn is the quintessence of the English country garden, while the exquisite kitchen garden tempts with its fresh fruit and veg; here you can also observe the visibly contented chickens who provide breakfast eggs.

Highlights

After a difficult last few years, it's a pleasure to report that Gravetye is again firing on all cylinders. It's not trying to be hip or fashionable, but to offer high-quality service and excellent food and drink amid a cosily refined and relaxed atmosphere. If you're looking for somewhere to get away to for a wonderful weekend break, it's hard to think of many places more equal to the task.

Lowlights

East Grinstead isn't the most pleasant of nearby towns, though there are some excellent country walks to be had nearby. It also certainly isn't cheap, although it represents excellent value compared to some of its competitors.

By Alexander Larman

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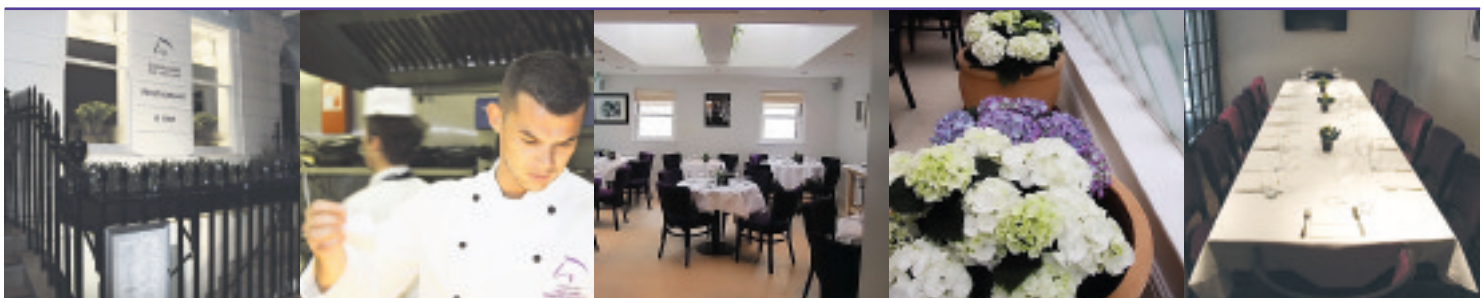
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SWEETS FOR MY SWEET

We have the turkey-stuffing-potatoes drill down pat, but when it comes to sweet relief on Christmas Day, we're often left floundering. How do you make the perfect Christmas pud? What can we rustle up as an alternative to the ubiquitous trifle? We've fallen head over heels (that'll be the sugar rush) for these magical Baked Ice Cream Sticky Toffee cupcakes by Fiona Faulkner, the recipe for which you can find online at theresident.co.uk. Overleaf, we also have the perfect pud by those faultless chefs at Scott's, plus chocolatier extraordinaire William Curley instructs how to make mulled port Christmas truffles. Even the most Scrooge-like amongst us would be hard pressed not to make merry presented with such a spread... ➤



Scott's Christmas pudding soufflé – serves 4

**Cru Virunga is a 70 per cent cocoa solids chocolate from The Congo. A tree is planted for every 100g sold, contributing to the replenishment of the Congolese rain forest, originalbeans.com*

For the filling

- 140g Cru Virunga (or good quality) dark chocolate *
- 100ml double cream
- 40ml Drambuie (or other liqueur like whisky, brandy, Grand Marnier)
- 90g good quality mince meat

For the soufflé

- 120g butter
- 120g white chocolate
- 5g baking powder
- 2g mixed spice
- 2g ground cinnamon

- 100g strong flour
- 2 eggs, separated
- 40g caster sugar
- 80g currants and sultanas, soaked in hot brandy

To serve

- 200ml whipping cream
- 2 splashes of brandy
- 100ml water
- 100g jam sugar
- ½ vanilla pod
- 1 pinch mixed spice

Preheat the oven to 190°C/gas mark 5. Begin by making the filling. Slowly bring the cream to the boil, remove from the heat and stir in the chocolate until melted. Stir in the Drambuie and mince meat and leave to set in the fridge. When set, mould into

balls, roughly 125g each in size.

Line the inside of 8x8cm stainless steel soufflé rings with silicone paper, or you could alternatively use lined ramekins. You will need to buy vanilla sponge or savoiardi biscuits, flavoured with brandy from a good delicatessen or bakery. Cut them into discs so that they fit inside the rings or ramekins.

Melt the butter and white chocolate in a bowl over a pan of simmering water being careful not to let it get too hot. Meanwhile, pass the baking powder, mixed spice, cinnamon and flour through a sieve into a mixing bowl. Mix the egg yolks into the warm chocolate and butter and then gently fold in the sieved flour mixture. Separately, whisk the egg



whites and sugar until stiff and then gradually fold into the flour and egg mixture. Half fill the moulds or ramekins with the mixture, then place a ball of the filling in the middle and top up with the rest of the mixture. Place the soufflés in the oven for 12 minutes.

In the meantime whip the cream and add a splash of brandy. In a sauce pan heat the water, jam sugar and add half the vanilla pod and a pinch of mixed spice. Remove the soufflés from the oven and loosen with a knife, then carefully put onto warmed serving plates with a spatula. Serve with whipped brandy cream and spiced syrup. You can also serve with crème anglais or vanilla cream.

William Curley's mulled Port Christmas truffles



INGREDIENTS:

To make approximately
30 truffles

- 150g 70 per cent chocolate
- 95g whipping cream
- 25g unsalted butter (Soft)
- 250g tempered chocolate
- 150g cocoa powder
- 30g Port
- Spices

Method:

1. Gently warm Port with spices, leave to cool and infuse
2. Bring cream to boil
3. Chop the chocolate finely and gradually add the cream, stirring continuously, until the mixture forms a smooth emulsion
4. Add in soft butter, mix until fully incorporated, mix in spiced port and leave to set
5. Once the chocolate ganache is firm, spoon into a piping bag and pipe bulbs onto greaseproof paper
6. Leave to set in a cool place
7. Prepare a bowl of tempered chocolate and a tray of cocoa powder
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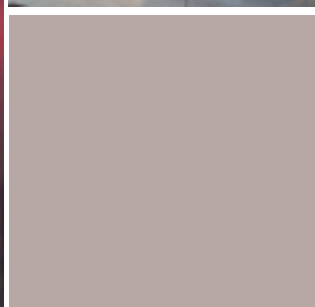
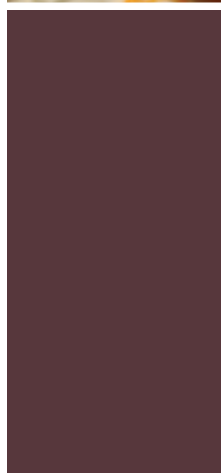
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Table Talk

By Annica Wainwright



Tired of turkey?

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Christmas sparkle

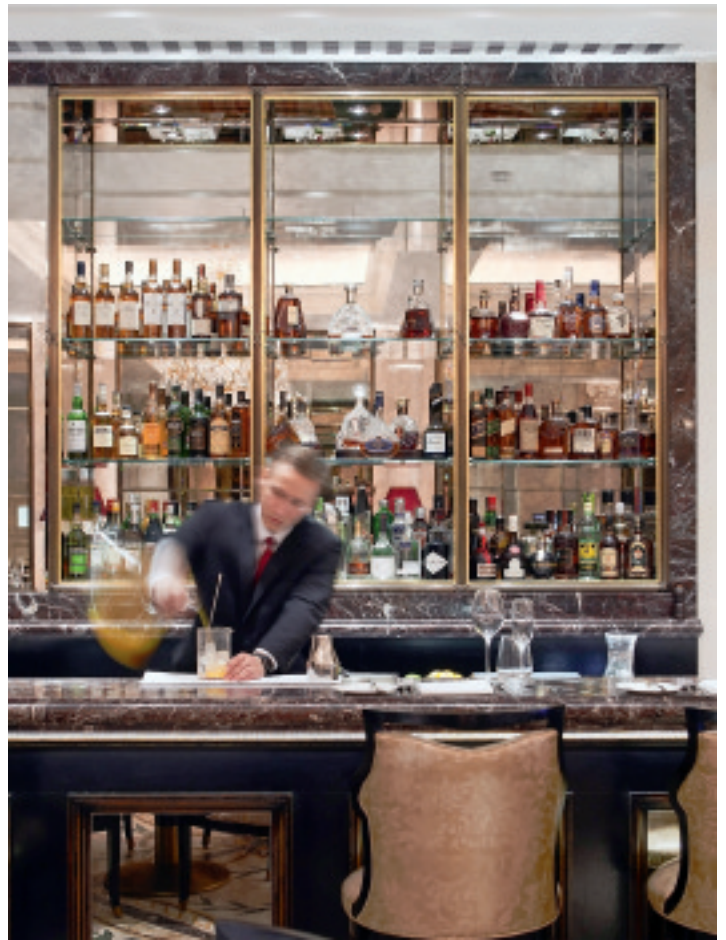
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Restaurant reviews

THE GALLERY AT THE WESTBURY

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The Westbury hotel, located in the salubrious surrounds of Conduit Street, has had something of a lack of confidence in its restaurants for some while. Now, it seems to be regaining the initiative. Its fine dining wing, run by Alyn Williams, a former deputy of Marcus Wareing, is opening imminently, but a more laid-back alternative to expensive haute cuisine has been open since summer.

The Gallery is set in an extraordinarily lavish room, which is strikingly impressive and grand. Set back from the main road, it has its own entrance, saving having to go through the hotel. The 96-cover establishment is designed somewhat in the style of a historic French chateau, with grand mirrors dominating the room, and a feeling of opulence and space, practically unique in a central London restaurant. This bodes well for an excellent meal; a welcome glass of Moët champagne, even more so.

Under head chef Brian Fantoni (previously of Claridges

and The Savoy), the menu is geared towards all-day dining, somewhat reminiscent of The Wolseley and other grand London spaces. Dishes on offer are influenced by southern French and Italian cuisine; thus, pasta dishes nestle comfortably with a Provencal tasting platter of olive tapenade and goat's cheese,

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among other tempting options. Spoilt for choice on the starters, I was persuaded towards an up-market pressed game terrine, which had firm pieces of rabbit held together by rich, succulent foie gras. Perfectly complimented with a glass of Viognier by the pleasant and friendly sommelier (who gently steered me away from the glass of Vermentino I

had had my eye on), it made for an excellent start to the meal. My guest, meanwhile, had a simpler but delicious starter of beetroot and goat's cheese, which was marvellously paired with a glass of fruity, rich Pinot Noir.

Main courses offered a variety of delights. I enjoyed a surprisingly delicate dish of Old Spot

pork immensely, which eschewed some of the heavier presentations of the animal. Meanwhile, my guest's fillet steak was finely cooked and delicious. The garlicky bone marrow served with it was a nice touch, although it came as a faint surprise that it neither came with frites, nor were they anywhere on offer on the menu. Nonetheless, these were

excellent mains, and a well chosen bottle of Barbera d'Alba was a fine accompaniment.

Portions here, while far from small, are not the gut-busting sizes that they are in some establishments – something that many would see as a recommendation. Thus, we shared a cheese course with some excellent Cheddar and blue cheese, before managing to fit in a pudding as well. My white chocolate bavaroi was truly delicious, while my guest took our extremely friendly waiter's recommendation of clementine crème brûlée and enjoyed it very much.

It is not hard to recommend The Gallery. Prices are reasonable for central London (even more so on the set menu, with two courses for £19 and three for £23), the food is excellent and the remarkable room needs to be visited to be fully appreciated. Time will tell what Alyn Williams brings to the other restaurant, but until then this is the one to beat.

FOOD: ****
ATMOSPHERE: ****



AURELIA

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Just before The Resident went to press, we caught the soft opening of Aurelia, the new restaurant from the family behind Japanese smash hits Roka and Zuma. This time round, the Wanays have swapped Asia for the Med, serving up a contemporary menu inspired by the food you'd encounter on today's equivalent of 'Via Aurelia', the coastal road from Rome to Valencia, which takes in foodie hot spots like Tuscany, Provence and Catalonia.

The site, previously occupied by Mulligan's of Mayfair, has been completely transformed, with two dining rooms decorated in neutral tones. At ground level is a relaxed brasserie-style space with a charcuterie bar, while the more formal downstairs has an open grill kitchen and rotisserie with bar stools along the counter – a great spot from which to watch head chef Rosie Yeats in action.

The concept is family-style dining and we'd recommend going in groups of at least four to make the most of it, not least as some of the sharing plates are very large. The highlight was the 28-day aged rib of beef from the rotisserie, which was worth every penny of its £48 price tag. Weighing in at over 700g, it was not only a massive piece of meat, but also cooked beautifully medium-rare all the way through. It proved a perfect match to moreish char-grilled globe aubergine with marinated tomino cheese, fresh mint and garlic.

We also loved the huge plate of tender queen scallops, served on the half-shell with chorizo crumbs and garlic butter on top we had over perfect bellinis to start. The sommelier's recommendations were spot on too: a crisp Albariño with the scallops, followed by a quirky Shiraz/Viognier that matched our beef perfectly. Textbook tarte tatin and a fresh Limoncello semi-freddo brought proceedings to a sweet close. *By Annica Wainwright*

FOOD: ****
ATMOSPHERE: ***



BUMPKIN

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The Bumpkin group of restaurants (in Westbourne Park, South Kensington and now the new Westfield Stratford) have attracted plaudits for their unstinting attachment to British ingredients. This extends to virtually everything on the menu, whether it's the English sparkling wine offered instead of champagne (we recommend the Nyetimber if it's available, which is easily the equal of virtually any other fizz you can imagine) or the boards that inform customers which foods are seasonal and therefore most likely to be good.

The South Kensington branch is in a slightly odd position opposite a petrol station on the Old Brompton Road, but what it lacks in external beauty it makes up for in charm inside. A well-populated bar is a good place to enjoy a cider or glass of wine before dining in the main restaurant, where homely gastropub-style tables are arranged around a semi-open kitchen. The menu is hearty and vigorous rather than sophisticated. A starter of Loch Duart smoked salmon does what it says on the tin, while chicken livers and caramelised onion chutney is a nice but inessential spin on an old favourite. You're better off having just a nibble and saving room for the main attraction, the 'from British farms' section of the menu, which includes such delights as lamb rump with mini shepherd's pie and Dingley Dell pork belly, or one of the legendary pies, such as the Charter Pie, combining chicken, leek, mushroom and bacon.

Service is friendly, if slightly harassed, and the overall experience is a satisfying and enjoyable one. It might well be that it's better suited to larger, more rambunctious groups of friends than intimate dining couples, but whatever you choose to do, you're going to have an enjoyable evening here.

By Alexander Larman

FOOD ****
ATMOSPHERE: ***



JIA

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It is a rarity indeed to combine the sleek and slick with inviting warmth, but on a distinctly nippy evening, Jia pulls off this decided infrequency, beckoning my companion and me in from the cold to sample its abundance of authentic Chinese dishes (there's no MSG at work here, thank you). Whether it's the simple wooden décor, the warm yellow-ish lighting or indeed the genuinely hospitable welcome, this is the kind of restaurant so devoid of pretension that diners ostensibly feel comfortable chatting away for hours, while devouring the wholesome food on offer.

We settle in with two generous glasses of champagne and immediately order a six-piece platter of steamed dim sum to share, which is delightfully light and delicate and offers an interesting variety of fillings, including minced pork, prawn with XO sauce and scallops. My guest, something of a dim sum connoisseur, pronounces the selection not only a triumph, but a bargain too at just under £7.

A main course of sweet chilli kung po chicken with cashew nuts and dried chilli is flavoursome and generous; the chilli kick is warming without being overpowering. My friend opts for a healthy main of steamed sea bass, which comes with ginger and spring onion in soya sauce – another exemplarily warm-the-cockles dish. We wash it all down with a robust and oaky Chardonnay, which compliments everything beautifully.

Jia, which is owned by the same team behind Plum Valley in China Town, offers solid, wholesomely good, if not fancy, food, and is, in short, a quite exemplary neighbourhood restaurant. Worth bearing in mind too is that the chef will take requests, for those who want to get really adventurous – always an excellent sign. We'll see you there.

By Nancy Alsop

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In action: Mark Hix instructs in the fine art of carving his hay-cooked lamb



Carving up a feast

Alexander Larman sharpens his knives under the expert tutelage of Mark Hix at Brown's Hotel – just in time for the season of Christmas roasts

With Christmas rapidly approaching, what seems all too damning a defect in many families is that surprisingly few people have any idea how to carve a piece of meat with any degree of competence. As someone whose experience of the business end of a sharp knife tends to be limited to cutting up a piece of steak in a restaurant, I decided once and for all that I had to find my way round this, and so headed forthwith to Brown's Hotel in Mayfair for a preview in the first of a series of carving classes being organised by chef extraordinaire Mark Hix, whose ongoing interest in the best ways to cut up meat has led to both a book and a series of chop houses.

He is not a man shy about sharing his expertise. After

delicious snacks of proper pork crackling and breaded lamb fillet – frankly a meal in itself – washed down with some excellent wine, Hix shows three substantial cuts of meat, namely a proud-looking chicken, a leg of Elwy valley lamb and a rib of pork. Each of these is paraded about while Hix talks about the necessity of getting every detail precisely right. I was unsurprised to learn that it's crucial to have the right knife for the job, some of which end up being passed down from father to son over generations; more taken aback was I to find out that if lamb is cooked in hay it has a far more complex and rich taste than it would otherwise.

Everyone at the class has a go at carving. My own attempts to serve up chicken breast could kindly be described as enthusiastic, but are perhaps better written

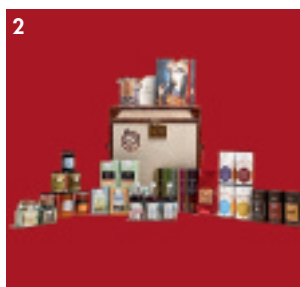
off as blunderingly amateurish. No matter; after we have stuffed ourselves silly with three different kinds of deliciously cooked and surprisingly well carved meat, along with an array of sides, and even made modest inroads into an enormous trifle as dessert, the assembled throng leaves Brown's, goodie bags in hand, fuller, wiser and certainly more au fait with the intricacies of carving.

Mark Hix Carving Masterclasses cost £150 and include a two-hour masterclass, a feast dinner, a bottle of wine per person and a Mark Hix cookery book. The next dates are December 7 and 15. ■

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And the award goes to...

Mark Kebble catches up with Jason Gale to get the insider info from the second London Lifestyle Awards

Settling down for a glass of wine on the fifth floor of Aqua Spirit in Soho is an apt place to meet with the London Lifestyle Awards founder, Jason Gale. Behind the bar is a London Lifestyle Award for Best Bar in 2010 – the fact that this sensational venue lost out to a grittier east London opponent in this year's awards suggests the level of competition in the capital. For Jason, however, that's exactly the reason why London remains the best city in the world...

The difficult 'second' event

Archant London, this magazine's parent company, instantly connected with Jason's vision of creating an awards ceremony that celebrated the capital's diversity and were impressed with what was achieved in 2010.

"I was aware of the fact that there were a lot of people that came the first year and I didn't want to just repeat the process. I wanted them to come into the room and think that we had moved on," Jason says. "The feedback I have received suggests we achieved that."

October 7 was the date when London's finest converged on the Riverbank Park Plaza for the second London Lifestyle Awards, with

guest numbers clearly up and a smoother ceremony, presided over by radio presenter and comic, Greg Burns.

The riots and London's spirit

Just two weeks before Jason and his team hosted a special shortlist party, London was brought to a standstill by widespread rioting with trouble spreading to West London. As the troubles gathered pace, journalists from all corners approached the London Lifestyle Awards team for comment. "We talk about London all year long and our love for it, and it's good that people wanted to know what we thought about it.

"It was a very disturbing thing to happen, but good has come out of it. What we saw in those weeks is so many people celebrating London. On Twitter people changed their icons to 'I Love London' and you saw a lot of T-shirts on the streets saying just that. We call it the Blitz mentality and long may it continue. When somebody does try to fight against our lifestyle, we go, 'Actually, no, you are not going to do that. We are stronger than you'."

This spirit was apparent all over the capital, particularly in Ealing, where a massive post-riot clean-up operation got underway.

Clapham Junction, Deptford and Woolwich too, saw broom-wielding volunteers take to the streets to help.

The highlight

To accentuate the fact that the majority of Londoners stood up for what was right, one of the highlights of the 2011 London Lifestyle Awards linked directly back to the rioting. "Pauline Pearce," Jason smiles about his stand-out moment. The 'Hackney Heroine' became a media sensation for standing up to rioters on her own. "When I saw Pauline Pearce doing that, I realised she was trying to protect a particular London lifestyle and I felt she needed rewarding."

Guest of honour at the show, the London Lifestyle Awards team laid on all the works for Pauline ahead of the event – but then Jason was stopped in his tracks. "I saw her singing on BBC London News one night and she had an amazing voice," he explains. Jason gave Pauline the stage and her singing received a standing ovation from all at the event. "Sinitta [a major supporter of the awards] heard her sing and was incredibly impressed, and she has since had a meeting with Pauline to discuss how to progress her music career."



Opposite page: Jason Gale. Far left: Joe Calzaghe. Clockwise from above: Christopher Moran and Archant London's Enzo Testa with Brooke Kinsella; Home House celebrating their win; author and fashion journalist Henry Conway



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The final word

So what does next year hold in store? "We have been contacted by two TV companies who are talking about covering the awards because it is a big celebrity event," Jason answers. "And we have the confidence now to go even bigger."

To see more pictures from the London Lifestyle Awards 2011 see theresident.co.uk

Surprise, surprise

"Hootananny was a big surprise for me because I don't know Brixton that well," Jason says when our discussion turns to the overall winners. Walking away with the award for best Live Music Venue of the Year, beating the likes of the mighty O2 arena in Greenwich, it also showed how in its second year the London Lifestyle Awards has spread its wings. "Last year the old favourites were getting talked about time and time again. For instance, Hootananny didn't even get nominated last year. In 2011 a music club down in Brixton gets nominated and ends up winning an award."

Some 187,000 people voted for their favourites, up 87,000 on last year, and where as central London dominated in 2010, the likes of Hootananny and north London's Bolongaro Trevor proved popular. "Fifty years ago if you wanted great food, great theatre, or great coffee, you had to be in central London," Jason reflects. "Now you don't – we have neighbourhoods that produce world class restaurants."

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How many sniffers of brandy can you handle before you can't fly the sleigh any more? Ho ho ho... I don't have a single drop! The same drink driving road rules apply to sleigh travel!

My Residence: Father Christmas, Harrods grotto



This is your busiest time of year. Can you describe a typical December day? Up early to feed the reindeer, check in with the elves to ensure all is going to plan and then the rest of the day is spent greeting children from all over the world at Harrods!

Which other departments in Harrods do you escape to?

The Food Halls are my weakness... chocolate chip cookies, organic milk and mince pies galore. Every now and again I pop down to The Refinery to have my beard trimmed!

Has the store given you inspiration for toys to take back to the elves in the North Pole for next year?

Only this morning I was admiring a perfect hand-crafted rocking horses; I'm constantly inspired with ideas for what to put under people's Christmas trees.

What do you most like to discover for your delectation when you slide down the chimney – mince pies? Milk?

Brandy? Something more original? I have become particularly accustomed to mince pies with a touch of luxury brandy butter.

Has Mother Christmas ever suggested putting you on a diet?

Absolutely not. How do you think I stay so warm in the North Pole?

How many notches do you have to extend your belt over the Christmas period? Two? Three?

Not a single one. I'm far too busy running around ensuring all the preparations for Christmas Eve are underway!

Have you ever worried that something would intervene with you being able

to make it round it each and every child's house?

Not at all. After years of practice, I have got it down to a tee, though a touch of magic certainly helps.

You are busy meeting the children from across the world. What is the best thing you have been asked for?

One young man has asked for the giant pirate ship he spotted in Harrods. As it is exclusive to the store I may need to have a quiet word with the Toy Kingdom. That aside there have been plenty of teddies and dolls.

What has most made your belly wobble like a bowl full of jelly in your dealings with them?

Too many things to mention... however all of my chats with the little ones are strictly confidential.

How are the reindeers in your absence – do you keep in constant touch with them?

Oh, I am always back and forth and Mrs Christmas keeps an eye on them for me. I have to make sure she doesn't feed them too much when I am away as she has such a soft spot for them.

Do you manage to go on holiday the rest of the year, and if so where?

There is absolutely no time for holidays! Mrs Christmas, the elves and I spend Boxing Day recovering and then it is straight back to monitoring the Naughty List, reading children's letters and then we're busy forecasting what toys are going to be in demand next Christmas.

How do the residents of the North Pole spend their leisure time – limited though it must be?

Boxing Day is the one and only day of the year that we truly relax. We spend the day reminiscing about the year gone by and our Christmas Eve trials and tribulations. And of course, no Boxing Day would be complete without a board game or two.

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Which reindeer is the most wilful and which the best behaved?

All the reindeer are rather wilful. You have got to be in their line of work... overcoming harsh weather conditions, dodging all sorts of objects and pulling my rather heavy sleigh! I simply couldn't single one out as being the best behaved. Reindeer are like sheep... once one misbehaves the rest follow!



When you – on rare occasion – leave your grotto, which local restaurants do you like to visit to grab a bite? I am very lucky that I don't have to go too far as Harrods has a number of delicious restaurants. The pizzeria is certainly a favourite – its signature Neapolitana always goes down a treat. I can't resist the gelato at the Ice Cream Parlour. I often find myself dreaming about the creamy gingerbread ice cream, one of the 12 exclusive Christmas flavours made by Mrs Christmas! And every now and again I treat Mrs Christmas to a spot of afternoon tea at The Georgian.



What do you eat for your Christmas feast in the North Pole? Mrs Christmas rustles up a scrumptious traditional dinner complete with sprouts, chestnut stuffing and a dollop of cranberry sauce. Classic and delicious.

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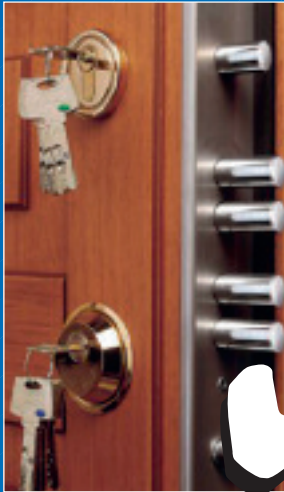
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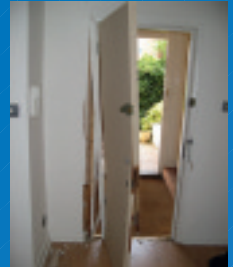
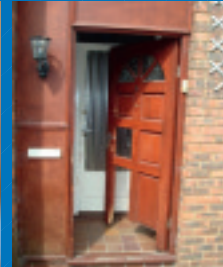
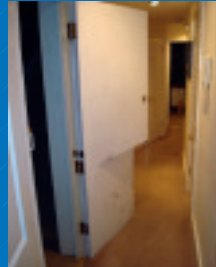
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Looking glass

Predicting what 2012 holds in store and behind the scenes at the Champions re-launch party

Market Comment

Strutt & Parker look at what's in store for 2012

It was always hoped that 2012, with the much hyped London Olympics, would be the year that the property market regained its former strength in terms of both value and enthusiasm for purchases. However, Strutt & Parker warn that such optimism must be reined in and both buyers and sellers must instead remain realistic about the challenges that lay ahead. Despite headlines fuelled by reports on escalating economic crises that are de-stabilising the whole economy, the UK property market historically has proved time and time again it has a strong propensity to bounce back – there will always be an underlying demand to trade in property as people outgrow their homes and need to upsize or downsize or move with their jobs. Michael Fiddes, Head of National Estate Agency at Strutt & Parker, comments that we will see less of “the ambivalent seller” (last year 30% of the market was made up of these sellers) who are likely to disappear, but an increase in those that actually have to sell. Fiddes predicts transactions for the majority of Strutt & Parker clients, ie equity rich home owners, will be similar to 2011, but that further price falls are inevitable as the great divide widens – North / South, London and the country, blue chip / non blue chip – until the market finally finds it level.



Bark Place, W2 Price upon application

What: An outstanding and beautifully presented three bedroom house.

Wow factor: The house has excellent entertaining space.

Extras: Entrance hall, drawing room, kitchen/breakfast room, family room, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom and dressing room, two further bedrooms, shower room, cloakroom, utility room, garden, and terrace.

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House party

Champions held their re-launch party to celebrate their new shop frontage and three and a half successful years in sales and lettings in Chelsea. Over 50 guests (some of whom have been satisfied clients for over 20 years) enjoyed delicious canapés, tasty wines and flowing conversation. Such fun was had that it was decided to make the event half yearly. Roll on May!



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Rawlings Street | Chelsea | SW3

1,893 sq ft (175.86 sq m)

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Entrance hall | Double drawing room | Dining room | Kitchen | Four bedrooms | Three bath/shower rooms | Study | Cloakroom | Patio

Asking price £2,950,000 Freehold

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Tryon Street | Chelsea | SW3

1,334 sq ft (123.93 sq m)

An enchanting and well presented three bedroom freehold cottage in the heart of Chelsea with a west-facing balcony and garden.

Drawing room | Kitchen/breakfast room | Study/sitting room | Three bedrooms | Two bath/shower rooms | Terrace | Courtyard garden

Asking price £2,450,000 Freehold

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Tryon Street | Chelsea | SW3

1,306 sq ft (121.33 sq m)

An extremely well presented and well planned three double bedroom freehold house with a west-facing garden in this prime location. This charming house was recently refurbished and offers light and open rooms.

Drawing room | Study area | Kitchen | Dining room/bedroom 2 | Two bedrooms | Two bath/shower rooms | West-facing garden | Vault

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Ennismore Gardens Mews | Knightsbridge | SW7

1,583 sq ft (147.1 sq m)

Located in this sought after Knightsbridge mews, this well presented two/three bedroom mews house has planning consent for a conservatory extension.

Drawing room | Dining room | Kitchen | Master bedroom with dressing room and en suite bathroom | Further bedroom | Bathroom | Study/bedroom three | Utility room | Courtyard Garden

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Cornwall Gardens Court | South Kensington | SW7

886 sq ft (80.5 sq m)

An immaculate two bedroom, south facing apartment on the fourth floor (with lift) of this well maintained building.

Hall | Reception room | Kitchen | Two double bedrooms | Bathroom | Lift

Asking price £1,195,000 Leasehold

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Iverna Court | Kensington | W8

1,430 sq ft (132.84 sq m)

A charming and well presented three bedroom flat with excellent entertaining space on the fifth floor (lift) of this well maintained mansion block.

Entrance hall | Drawing room | Dining room | Kitchen | Master bedroom with en suite shower room | Two further bedrooms | Bathroom
Lift | Porterage

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Holland Road | Holland Park | W14

915 sq ft (85 sq m)

A well presented three bedroom second floor flat occupying 915 sq ft, overlooking the beautifully maintained communal gardens.

Entrance hall | Kitchen/drawing room | Master bedroom with en suite shower room | Two further bedrooms | Bathroom
Access to communal gardens

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Elm Park Gardens | Chelsea | SW10

745 sq ft (69.2 sq m)

An exceptionally refurbished ground and lower ground floor maisonette in this sought after location which benefits from views of and access to the communal gardens of Elm Park Gardens.

Drawing room | Kitchen | Bedroom with walk-in wardrobe | Study | Bathroom | Cloakroom

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Gordon Place | Kensington | W8

1188 sq ft (110.4 sq m)

An attractive and well presented three bedroom house, over three floors only, set behind a pretty front garden.

Drawing room | Kitchen | Master bedroom with dressing area | Two further bedrooms | Shower room | Terrace | Front garden | Patio

Asking price £2,100,000 Freehold

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Eaton Terrace | Belgravia | SW1

2590 sq ft (240 sq m)

This period terraced house offers well laid out accommodation on five floors with a first floor drawing room, four bedrooms and a kitchen/dining room opening up to a large garden.

Entrance hall | Drawing room | Kitchen/dining room | Sitting room | Study | Master bedroom with en suite | Three further bedrooms | Two shower rooms | Utility room | Cloakroom | Vault storage | Garden | Roof terrace

Asking price £4,700,000 Freehold

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Montpellier Hall | Knightsbridge | SW7

A truly spectacular first floor apartment in this boutique development behind a glorious Queen Anne style facade in the heart of Knightsbridge.

Drawing room | Dining room | Breakfast room | Kitchen | Master bedroom suite | Three double bedrooms with en suite bathrooms | Cloakroom | Utility room | Underground parking | Terrace

£9,500 per week Furnished

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Elm Park Road | Chelsea | SW3

A Stunning, wide period house set on the sought after western section of this quiet Chelsea street. This four/five bed house is presented in immaculate order.

Drawing room | Garden room | Dining room | Kitchen | Library/office | Master bedroom with en suite | Two further bedrooms with en suite | Bedroom four | Bathroom | Utility room | Terrace | Garden

£4,750 per week Unfurnished

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Vera Road | Fulham | SW6

1,152 sq ft (107 sq m)

An immaculate three bedroom maisonette benefitting from a wonderful 27 ft south-facing roof terrace.

Drawing room | Kitchen/dining room | Three bedrooms | Two bath/shower rooms | 27' south-facing roof terrace

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Oxberry Avenue | Fulham | SW6

1,206 sq ft (112 sq m)

A stunning, immaculately presented, two bedroom flat on the upper floors of this impressive, semi-detached, Victorian building.

Open plan kitchen/reception room | Master bedroom with en suite bathroom | Further bedroom | Bathroom

Asking price £795,000 Share of Freehold

Fulham 020 7731 7100



Armadale Road | Fulham | SW6

1,615 sq ft (150 sq m)

A well presented three bedroom house moments from Fulham Broadway and close to West Brompton.

Drawing room | Dining room | Kitchen | Three bedrooms | Study | Bathroom | Shower room | Cloakroom | Garden

Asking price £1,050,000 Freehold

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Winchendon Road | Fulham | SW6

1,970 sq ft (183 sq m)

A four bedroom house moments from Parsons Green and benefitting from a south-west facing garden.

Drawing room | Kitchen/dining room | Four bedrooms | Two bathrooms | Two cloakrooms | Utility room | Cellar | Garden

Asking price £1,595,000 Freehold

Fulham 020 7731 7100



Empress Place | Fulham | SW6

Unfurnished

A beautifully refurbished house situated over four floors with a spacious reception room and large kitchen breakfast room.

Four bedrooms | Double reception room | Study | Eat-in kitchen | Utility room | WC | Patio garden

£1,100 per week

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Hestercombe | Fulham | SW6

Unfurnished

A charming and very well proportioned three storey Victorian terraced family house.

Four bedrooms | Large reception with wooden flooring | Eat-in kitchen | Half basement with utilities | WC | Two bathrooms | Patio garden

£995 per week

Fulham 020 7731 7100



Clonmel Road | Fulham | SW6

Unfurnished/Furnished

A fantastic three bedroom house located in a charming residential road in the heart of Parsons Green.

Three bedrooms | Double reception room | Two bathrooms | Lower ground open plan storage | Patio garden

£925 per week

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Fulham Road | Fulham | SW6

Furnished/Unfurnished

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Property news

Historic locations and ski slopes feature in The Resident's Christmas round-up

Market Comment Fiona Guthrie, Residential Lettings Director, Plaza Estates

Many landlords enjoyed a buoyant rental market this summer with enquiries reaching a peak in September. One bedroom properties were in such demand that landlords could pick and choose their desired tenant at asking price and usually with the rent paid entirely in advance. On average rents increased by 15% for one bedroom flats during the year as demand outstripped supply. Demand was steadier for larger properties but due to the shortage of stock, rents increased by approximately 8% over the previous twelve months. The current Euro crisis and volatile stock market is cause for concern as demand for the high end rental property is in direct correlation with the activity in the City. At the moment the market seems generally reluctant to slow down with enquiries being received for most types of property.

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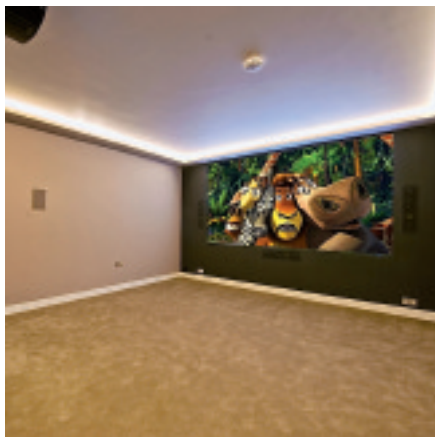
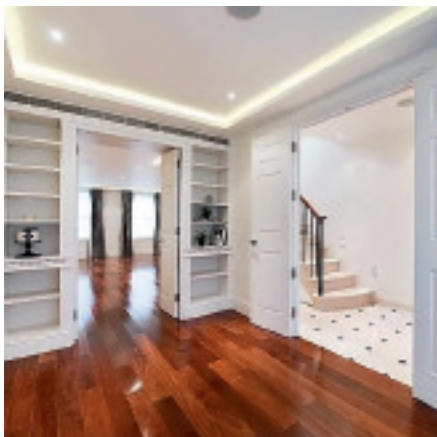


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What: This exquisite five double bedroom, four bathroom home c.2,475 sq. ft. is an outstanding example of refurbishment and intelligent design.

Wow factor: It is an almost unbelievable transformation of the former residence of Lady Wynn Jones. In the past in the local area the property was fondly known as the “bird house”.

Extras: Entrance hall, library/reception room, elegant drawing room, kitchen/dining room, family room, cinema room, utility room, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, four further double bedrooms, two further bathrooms, shower room, two roof terraces, and patio area.

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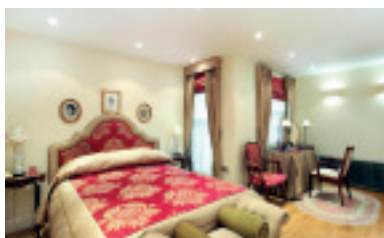
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Knightsbridge SW1X

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Draycott Place Chelsea SW₃

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Kensington W8

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Chesilton Road SW6

£1,300 per week

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Margaretta Terrace SW3

£2,400 per week

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Wynnstay Gardens W8

£1,650 per week

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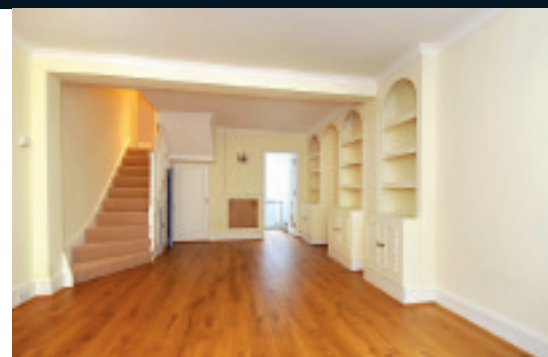


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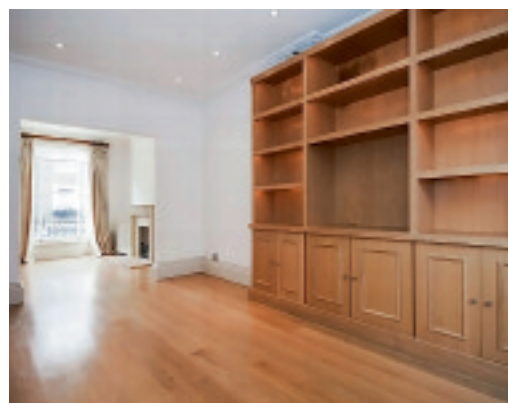
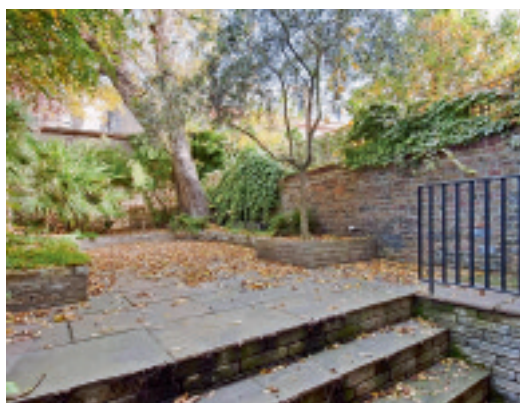
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ELEGANT WIDE VICTORIAN HOUSE WITH PARKING AND GARDEN HARLEY GARDENS, SW10

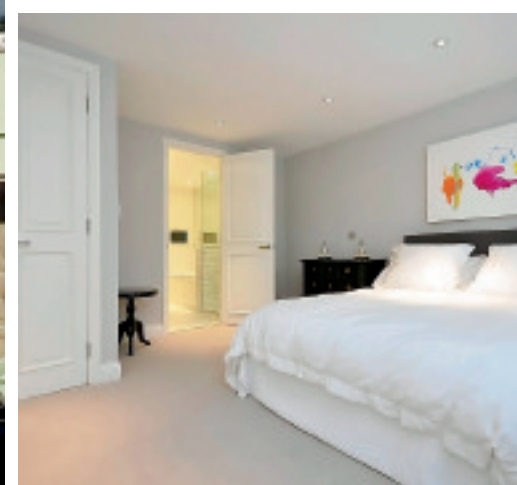
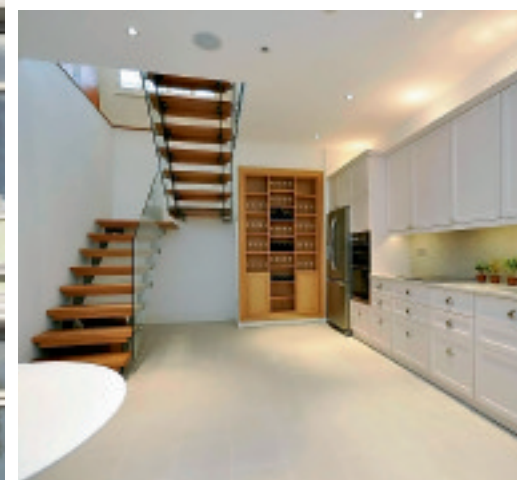
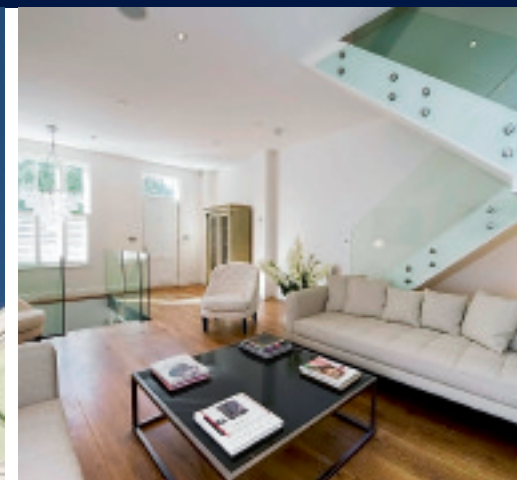
Entrance hall ♦ drawing room ♦ sitting room ♦ family room/
bedroom 6 ♦ dining room ♦ kitchen/breakfast room ♦ 5/6
bedrooms ♦ 2 bathrooms ♦ 2 cloakrooms ♦ utility room
♦ garage ♦ off-street parking ♦ front and rear gardens
♦ 300 sq m (3,229 sq ft)



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STUNNING NEWLY BUILT HOUSE IN NOTTING HILL PRINCE DALE ROAD, W11

Reception room ♦ kitchen/breakfast/dining room ♦ master bedroom with en suite bathroom
♦ 3 further bedrooms ♦ 2 further bathrooms ♦ utility room ♦ cloakroom ♦ terrace
♦ 158 sq m (1,699 sq ft)

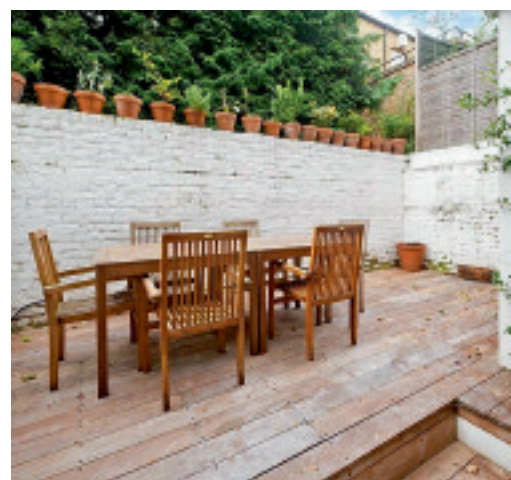


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POTENTIAL TO CONVERT INTO A FREEHOLD HOUSE

BRAMERTON STREET, SW3

Currently arranged as 2 flats ♦ ground and lower ground flat: open-plan reception room/ kitchen ♦ 2 double bedrooms ♦ bathroom ♦ utility/cloakroom ♦ decked garden ♦ first and second floor flat: double reception room ♦ kitchen ♦ 2 bedrooms ♦ bathroom ♦ cloakroom ♦ roof terrace ♦ gross internal area potential of 234 sq m (2,510 sq ft)



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Guide £3.95 million Leasehold



FORMER ARTIST'S STUDIO HOUSE WITH AN EXCEPTIONAL RECEPTION ROOM CAMPDEN GROVE, W8

Studio reception room ♦ family room ♦ study ♦ kitchen/dining room ♦ master bedroom suite ♦ 3 further bedrooms ♦ 2 further bath/shower rooms ♦ utility room ♦ 2 guest cloakrooms ♦ storage room ♦ decked patio ♦ 261 sq m (2,806 sq ft)



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ATTRACTIVE TOWNHOUSE IN THIS SOUGHT AFTER CHELSEA STREET RALSTON STREET, SW3

Ground floor double aspect sitting room ♦ first floor drawing room ♦ family room ♦ study/bedroom 4 ♦ kitchen/dining room ♦ master bedroom suite ♦ 2 further bedrooms ♦ bathroom ♦ shower room ♦ utility room ♦ 2 guest cloakrooms ♦ patio ♦ 239 sq m (2,569 sq ft)



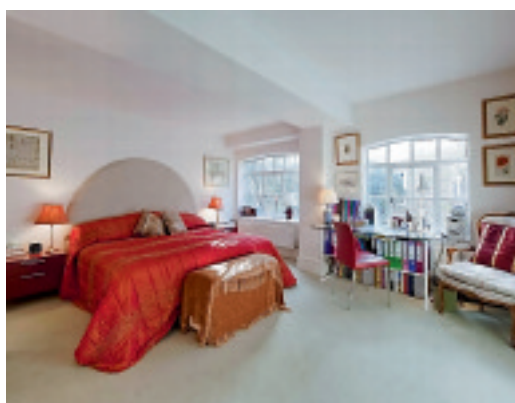
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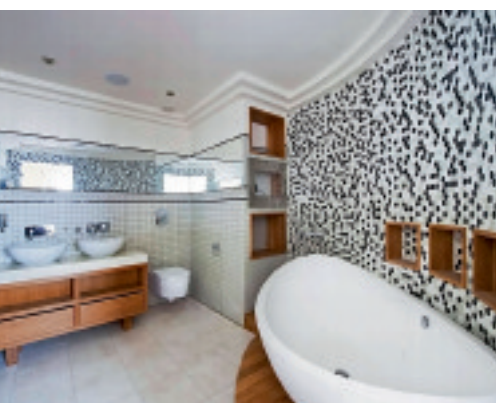
CHARMING FIRST FLOOR FLAT IN SOUGHT AFTER DEVELOPMENT OLD CHURCH STREET, SW3

Entrance hall ♦ reception room ♦ kitchen/breakfast room ♦ bedroom with en suite bathroom ♦ guest cloakroom ♦ lift ♦ porter ♦ underground parking space ♦ secure electric gated entrance ♦ 24hr video monitoring ♦ 84 sq m (903 sq ft)



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Guide £1.59 million Leasehold, approximately 984 years remaining



THIRD FLOOR LATERAL FLAT WITH VIEWS DOWN EATON PLACE BELGRAVIA, SW1

Entrance hall ♦ reception room ♦ kitchen/breakfast room with west-facing balcony
♦ master bedroom with en suite bathroom ♦ 2 further bedrooms with en suite bathrooms
♦ guest cloakroom ♦ lift ♦ 167 sq m (1,800 sq ft)

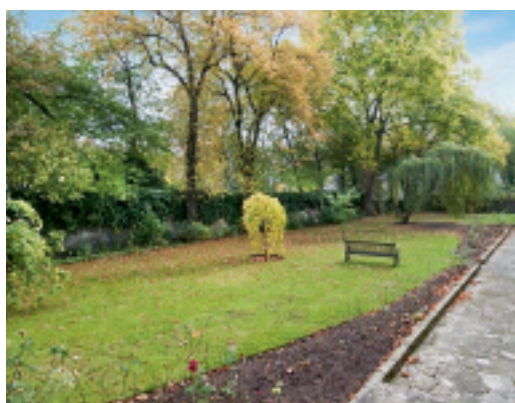


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Guide £1.25 million Leasehold, approximately 10 years remaining



WONDERFUL VIEWS IN SOUGHT AFTER LONDON SQUARE ONSLOW SQUARE, SW7

Entrance hall ♦ drawing room ♦ kitchen/breakfast room ♦ master bedroom with en suite bathroom ♦ 2 further bedrooms ♦ shower room ♦ store room ♦ access to communal gardens ♦ 116 sq m (1,254 sq ft)



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A WONDERFUL LATERAL APARTMENT IN THIS SOUGHT AFTER DEVELOPMENT ON THE KING'S ROAD

KING'S CHELSEA, SW10

4 bedrooms (3 en suite) ♦ 2 reception rooms
♦ eat-in kitchen ♦ bathroom ♦ wrap around roof terrace ♦ porter ♦ gym/swimming pool
♦ 2 underground parking spaces ♦ 225 sq m (2,421 sq ft)

£2,500 per week Unfurnished



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A BEAUTIFULLY REFURBISHED HOUSE

EARL'S COURT SQUARE, SW5

5 bedrooms ♦ double reception room
♦ eat-in kitchen ♦ 2 bathrooms ♦ original features throughout ♦ access to communal garden ♦ 202 sq m (2,174 sq ft)

£2,250 per week Unfurnished



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LET'S GET CRACKING THIS CHRISTMAS



Christmas is a great time to look back on the year that was and start thinking about the one ahead. If you're entertaining a change for 2012, we've got over 150 years of knowledge in the property market to help you make the move you want.

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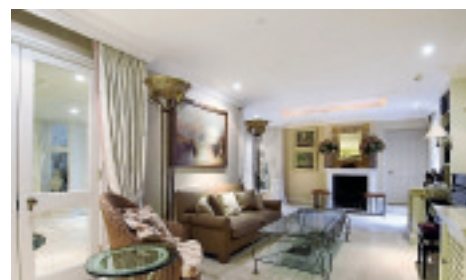
The Knightsbridge, SW7
Price upon application

What: An extremely sophisticated and stylish two bedroom 3080 square foot lateral apartment, in the world-renowned central London residence, The Knightsbridge.

Wow factor: The fantastic light filled reception room.

Extras: Entrance hall, double reception room, kitchen, dining room, master bedroom suite with dressing room, guest bedroom with bathroom, guest cloakroom, utility room, swimming pool, and 24 hour security.

Ben Morris, Savills, 020 7590 5065



Barton Street, SW1
£7,500 per week

What: This double fronted Grade II listed mansion is presented in a classic, elegant style.

Wow factor: It provides superb entertaining rooms, including an outstanding first floor drawing room.

Extras: First floor drawing room, dining room, library, two studies, media room, reception room, two sitting rooms, playroom, kitchen/breakfast room, eight bedrooms, nine bathrooms/shower rooms, indoor swimming pool, domestic offices, terraces, and passenger lift.

Simon Fernandes, Savills, 020 7824 9005



Chepstow Villas, W11 £9.950,000

What: A rare opportunity to acquire a stunning detached double fronted house.

Wow factor: The freehold is being offered to the market for the first time in over 35 years.

Extras: Drawing room, dining room, kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, five further bedrooms, further bathroom, cloakroom, and lower ground flat.

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Centre of attention

Savills on the continuing appeal of prime Central London



THE GAP WIDENS

The UK's prime residential real estate markets have historically been driven by equity not borrowing, but the international equity now driving prime central

London is creating a market increasingly detached from the UK's other prime markets, says international real estate adviser, Savills, which has published its five year forecasts for the UK residential markets.

Prime Central London residential values are now 15.6% over their peak level, with price growth expected to top 13% this year and rise by 22.7% over the next five years. In the short term, further (though slower) growth is expected in 2012, with a short-lived downward blip in the final quarter that will leave values just 3% up in the year.

Jonathan Hewlett (pictured), head of Savills London, comments: "Central London's residential real estate is increasingly behaving as an asset class, more closely linked to global wealth generation than any domestic indicators. It is clear that while international buyers are buying a safe haven store for their wealth, some are also making a currency play on cheap sterling."



Fulham Road
£2,775,000, freehold

What: A well proportioned house situated over four floors with excellent living space.

Wow factor: The kitchen benefits from a huge amount of natural light due to the glass ceiling and floor to ceiling windows that lead out on to the pretty south facing garden.

Extras: Entrance hall, double reception room, further reception room/play room, large kitchen with dining area, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, four further bedrooms, bathroom, two cloakrooms, garden and off-street parking for two cars.

Savills, 020 7578 9001

Area focus

The latest comment on Chelsea, Belgravia, Pimlico and Knightsbridge



... Knightsbridge

Knightsbridge was noticeably quieter in November in terms of footfall and traffic, perhaps the lull before the Christmas rush? It is normal for this time of year for the market to be a little quieter. We are seeing a lot of investment money coming in from Greece and Italy as prime Central London is increasingly seen as a safe haven for investment from international buyers all over the world. Some very different views on what the New Year may bring... The majority of people are very much behind the market. Some sceptics are out there, but I think they are very much the quieter voice and very much outside of Knightsbridge. Every time I get a great property on I just have buyers all over it - I don't see it changing. Looking forward to 2012.

Caroline MacLean, Brian Lack & Co, 020 7225 0878

... Belgravia

We have had an excellent number of quality new buyers registering with Henry & James during the autumn market, with many buyers seriously intent on closing the deal and exchanging before the Christmas holidays. The international appetite for acquiring a 'bolt-hole' or indeed fine residence in prime Central London continues to move at an increasingly fast pace. Even with the financial turmoils throughout the world, London is seen as a wonderful safe haven to a greater extent. Although stock levels remain low, Henry & James have been able to source prime lateral apartments and houses 'off market' for our buyers discreetly, which has resulted in achieving a number of record prices per square foot in the area for our clients.

Joanna Symes, Henry & James, 020 7235 8861



... Chelsea

Another busy month in the lead up to Christmas... Will the festive break bring about any form of slowdown? In general and historically, the market has followed school terms and holidays. At Christmas we find that the majority of our clients return to their homes or countries of birth for the whole period and so I suspect that this year will be no different, but with the city in a slight mood of uncertainty, perhaps a few more will not be taking the whole time off? If you are unlucky enough to be stuck in London and fancy a spot of retail therapy then we would be delighted to hear from you (though we cannot commit to any winter bargains).

Ben Osborne, Farrar & Co, 020 7244 4444



... Pimlico

The market is still strong, stock levels are still low and the future is still bright! The only problem on the horizon is 'overvaluing'. Having continuously kept an eye on prices all year it is becoming apparent that some agents are hugely inflating values to win instructions. This will not help either the client or indeed the market place in general. It is essential that when choosing an agent you choose the one that a) you trust and b) has provided justifiable evidence for the figure they are quoting you. This evidence should not be in the form of what they have currently 'for sale' but what they have actually 'sold'. This is the evidence that mortgage valuers require and this is what accurate agents should be working from when giving you a Market Appraisal of your property. So in a nutshell even though the market is strong, be careful!

Harry Buchanan, Jackson-Stops & Staff, 020 7828 4050



The area's best homes to buy or rent

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West Eaton Place, Belgravia, SW1
Guide Price: £5,975,000

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Belgravia focus

Knight Frank look at the latest in the SW1 market

Market Comment



Stuart Bailey,
Knight Frank Sales
Belgravia's beautiful
garden squares, elegant
world class restaurants
and boutique shops
continue to provide a

sanctuary to the global wealthy. Property values remain underpinned by demand from international buyers and this is unlikely to change for the foreseeable future. Prime Central London prices are now 38% higher than March 2009. There are nevertheless some signs of hesitancy amongst buyers and some sales are taking longer than usual to exchange contracts.

Market Comment



Tom Smith,
Knight Frank Lettings

The local Belgravia market has been at full strength this year and as a result the Knight Frank Belgravia lettings team

has had a record year. Strong rental growth has outpaced capital value growth over the past year, pulling income yields higher as a consequence, with Belgravia yields hitting an average of 3.8% up from 3.3% in June last year. In contrast to previous years there's also been a real appetite for family houses as well as the continued demand for well-presented "turnkey" lateral apartments.

WHAT'S ON

Belgravia Christmas Sunday

When and Where: Sunday 4th December, Elizabeth Street and Pimlico Road

What to expect: Elizabeth Street and Pimlico Road will become a festive paradise, offering you the chance to do some serious seasonal shopping as well as getting yourself in the Christmas spirit.



LOWER BELGRAVE STREET, SW1
£4,950 PER WEEK

What: A recently refurbished Belgravia townhouse with private garden.

Wow factor: The house has recently been completely overhauled to create an excellent family home combining period features with contemporary décor.

Extras: Master bedroom suite, a further four bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms, reception room, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, utility room, private garden.

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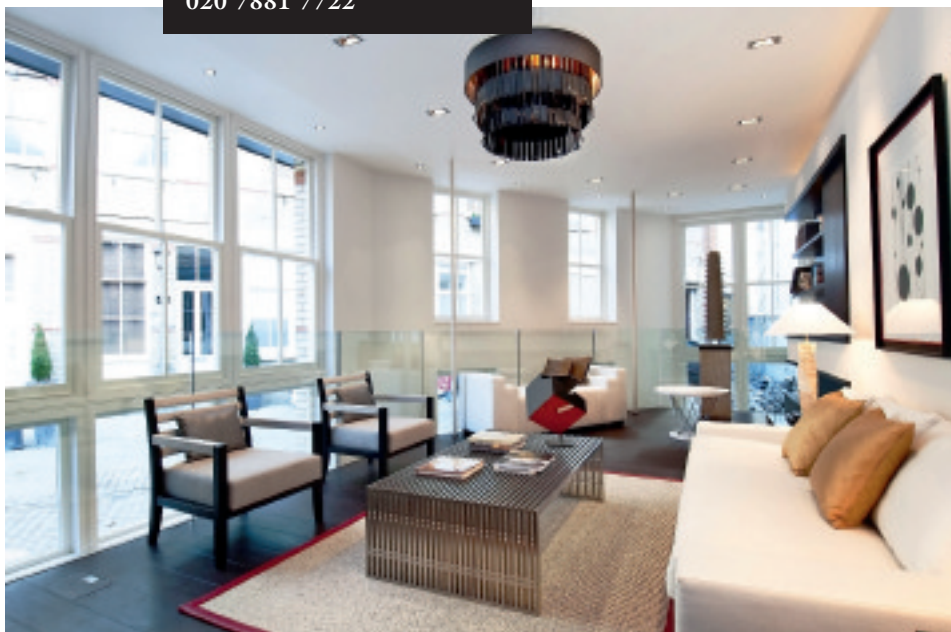
GROSVENOR GARDENS MEWS
SOUTH, SW1
£3,675,000

What: A freehold two bedroom mews house which has been newly refurbished to the highest of standards.

Wow factor: Located in a secure, gated Mews, the property has been designed to allow for a wonderful feeling of space and light throughout.

Extras: There are two well-proportioned bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms, a spacious kitchen/breakfast room and a superb media room. The property also has the added benefit of private parking.

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West Eaton Place, Belgravia SW1

Exceptional two bedroom lateral apartment

A stunning, newly refurbished first floor lateral apartment that has been meticulously designed throughout. Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, further bedroom with en suite shower room, reception room, dining room, kitchen, guest cloakroom, lift, 2 balconies. Approximately 149 sq m (1,613 sq ft)

Leasehold: 124 years approximately

Guide price: £5,975,000

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Carlyle Square, Chelsea SW3

Un-modernised garden square house with large garden

This is a very special house in Chelsea needing full modernisation. It is situated on the preferred northern terrace of one of the most sought after garden squares in the area. The house offers an incoming purchaser the rare opportunity to create an outstanding family home to suit their needs. Approximately 226 sq m (2,468 sq ft)

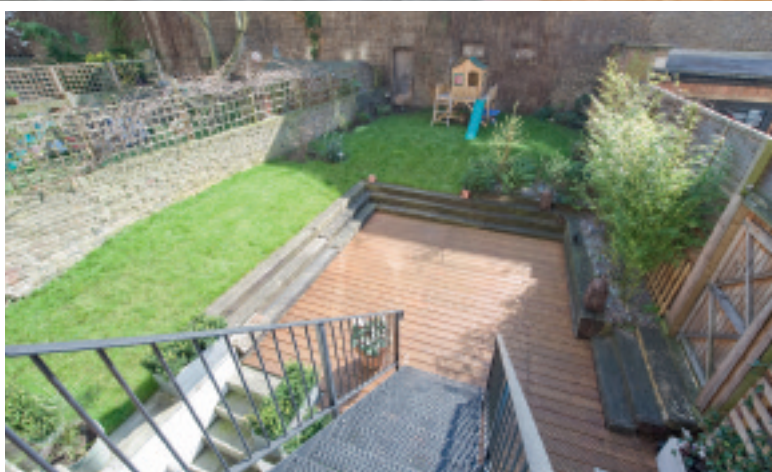
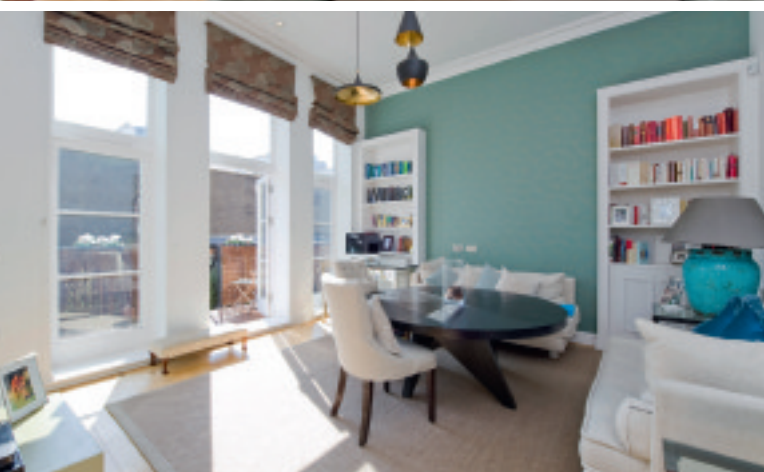
Freehold

Guide price £6,250,000

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Lexham Gardens, Kensington W8

Fantastic family home with garden

An impressive four bedroom maisonette located in an attractive stucco fronted Victorian building in Kensington. 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, WC, utility room, terrace, garden. Approximately 253 sq m (2,731 sq ft)

Leasehold: 119 years approximately

Guide price: £3,500,000

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Oakley Street, Chelsea SW3

Refurbished three bedroom house in Chelsea

An immaculately presented Grade II Listed house located just off the King's Road which has been extensively refurbished throughout by the current owner. Master bedroom suite, 2 further bedrooms, bathroom, double reception room, kitchen, dining room, study, TV/family room, utility room, cloakroom, garden. Approximately 213 sq m (2,293 sq ft)

Freehold

Guide price: £3,750,000

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Wandon Road, Fulham SW6

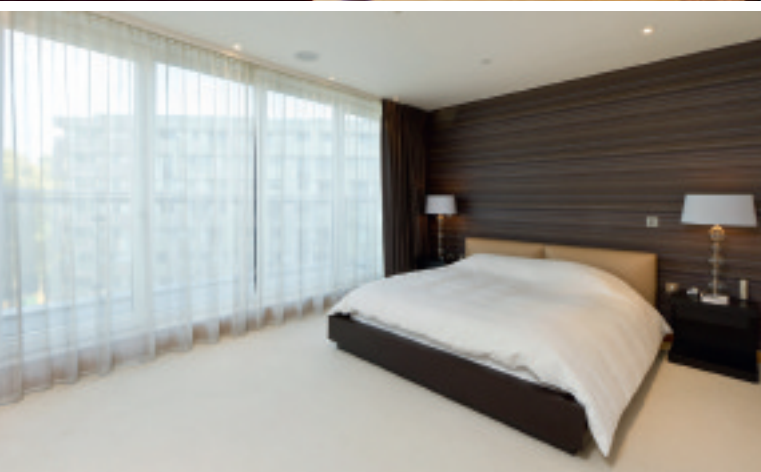
Stunning house on the Fulham/Chelsea border

A beautifully presented house benefitting from off-street parking and a west-facing garden. Master bedroom with en suite bath/shower room, 2 further bedrooms, shower room, study, double reception room, kitchen/dining room, family room, guest cloakroom, utility/storage room, garden, off-street parking. Approximately 211 sq m (2,273 sq ft)

Freehold

Guide price: £1,995,000

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Grosvenor Waterside, London SW1W

Stylish three bedroom apartment

A stylish and sought-after three bedroom penthouse for sale in Hepworth Court, Grosvenor Waterside on the River Thames with a high specification interior and a spacious landscaped roof terrace. Secure underground parking for 2 cars. Approximately 193 sq m (2,077 sq ft)

Leasehold: 994 years approximately

Guide price: £3,750,000

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Drayton Gardens, Chelsea SW10

Three double bedroom flat

An immaculate third floor apartment in a modern development close to the Fulham Road. The flat benefits from two secure parking spaces and a lift. Master bedroom suite, second bedroom suite, further double bedroom, bathroom, entrance hall, double reception room, kitchen, lift, Juliet balcony. Approximately 173 sq m (1,865 sq ft)

Leasehold: 987 years 1 month approximately

Guide price: £2,650,000

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Chester Street, Belgravia SW1

An elegant triplex

An immaculate maisonette arranged over three levels with a large terrace and garden. Master bedroom suite with dressing room, 2 further bedroom suites, sitting room, dining hall, kitchen, drawing room, library, utility, garden, roof terrace. Approximately 212 sq m (2,283 sq ft)

Freehold

Guide price: £4,750,000

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Lennox Gardens, Knightsbridge SW1

Lodge on the corner

A superb apartment which benefits from an impressive private street entrance situated in this sought-after Knightsbridge Square. Master bedroom suite, bedroom 2 with en suite bathroom, bedroom 3, shower room, entrance hall, drawing room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, laundry room, storage. Access to Lennox Gardens by separate arrangement. Approximately 204 sq m (2,200 sq ft)

Share of Freehold

Guide price: £3,750,000

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Cadogan Square, Knightsbridge SW1

The perfect first floor flat

A beautifully interior designed first floor flat overlooking one of London's most famous garden squares. The apartment is finished to an exacting standard, combining a traditional and modern interior. Master bedroom, further double bedroom, bathroom, reception room, kitchen, lift, resident caretaker, communal garden access. Approximately 81 sq m (878 sq ft)

Leasehold: 53 years approximately

Guide price: £2,750,000

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Harley Gardens, Chelsea SW10

Grand family house

Superbly located with a prestigious address, this luxurious four bedroom family house is arranged over four floors. Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, 3 further bedrooms, family bathroom, en suite shower room, double reception room, kitchen/dining area, guest cloakroom, utility room, study, terrace. Approximately 273 sq m (2,936 sq ft)

Available unfurnished

£4,750 per week

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Paultons Square, Chelsea SW3

Sought after location

A charming four bedroom house situated on one of Chelsea's prettiest garden squares. Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, guest/staff bedroom with en suite shower room, 2 further double bedrooms, family bathroom, double reception room, kitchen/dining room, study, two guest cloakrooms, paved garden. Approximately 223 sq m (2,396 sq ft)

Available unfurnished

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Elm Park Road, Chelsea SW3

Immaculate wide family house with garden

Stunning semi-detached period house set in the sought after western section of this quiet Chelsea street. Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, bedroom 2 with en suite bathroom, bedroom 3 with en suite shower room, bedroom 4/study, shower room, reception room, sitting room, kitchen/dining room, laundry room, garden room, balcony, patio area, garden. Approximately 245 sq m (2,640 sq ft).

Available unfurnished

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EMBANKMENT GARDENS, SW3

A beautiful and well proportioned 1st floor flat in an elegant period building, with excellent entertaining/living space and fine views over the grounds of The Royal Hospital.

Master suite, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, reception, family room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, porter, lift.

Lease to 2141 Guide Price £3,500,000

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KING'S COURT SOUTH, SW3

A well arranged 5th floor flat, benefiting from fine southerly views in this popular portered block. 2 bedrooms, bathroom, reception room, entrance hall, lift.

Lease to 3010 Guide Price £1,100,000



CHELSEA EMBANKMENT, SW3

A spacious well proportioned flat in an historic Grade II Listed building, with its own front door, patio and access to communal gardens. 2 bedrooms, bathroom, reception room, study, cloakroom, 2 storage cupboards.

Freehold Share Guide Price £925,000

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PRINCES GATE MEWS, SW7

A beautiful mews house meticulously rebuilt with fine attention to detail, excellent entertaining space and the added benefit of an integral garage.

3 en suite bedrooms, reception room, dining room, study, cloakroom, utility room, roof terrace.

Freehold Guide Price £4,250,000



PRIORY WALK, SW10

A wonderful family house situated in The Boltons Conservation Area, with a pretty leafy aspect to the south. Benefitting from planning consent to extend into the garden on the lower ground floor; with a conservatory at ground floor level. Approx. 2,939 sq ft. 6 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 3 reception rooms, garden, communal garden.

Freehold Guide Price £6,250,000



ROLAND GARDENS, SW7

An immaculately presented and unusual flat offering excellent lateral space, with a 43' reception room and main bedroom opening onto a decked garden. Approx. 2,467 sq ft. 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms, garden.

Freehold Share Guide Price £3,250,000



BRECHIN PLACE, SW7

Immaculately refurbished penthouse maisonette on the 3rd and 4th floors of a well maintained building with a fabulous reception and terrace. Approx. 1,170 sq ft. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room, roof terrace.

Leasehold 2132 Guide Price £1,775,000

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WARWICK SQUARE, SW1

An exceptional maisonette with an impressive 1st floor drawing room overlooking the private garden square.
3 bedrooms, 2 en suite bathrooms, en suite shower room, 2 reception rooms, study, cloakroom, balcony, private garden square.

Freehold Share Guide Price £2,995,000



LYALL MEWS, SW1

A delightful end-of-terrace mews house, tastefully modernised to a high specification.
3 bedrooms, 2 en suite bathrooms, shower room, 2 reception rooms, parking.

Freehold Guide Price £2,795,000



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LANSDOWNE ROAD, W11

A refurbished Victorian house set over four floors, offering excellent entertaining space with a wealth of period features. Approx. 2,628 sq ft. Master suite, 3/4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms, study, cloakroom, front and rear gardens, communal gardens.

Freehold Guide Price £5,550,000



PORTLAND ROAD, W11

A well proportioned house offering a modern interior and flexible living accommodation arranged over four floors. Comprising a self-contained shop unit with its own front door: Approx. 2,147 sq ft.

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception, patio, roof terrace, utility room.

Freehold Guide Price £2,500,000



HIGHLEVER ROAD, W10

A well presented family house providing well laid out, spacious living. Situated on a charming tree-lined street and benefiting from a wonderfully secluded west facing garden.

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception, dining/kitchen area, garden, front patio.

Freehold Guide Price £1,200,000



TRINITY MEWS, W10

A fantastic mews house finished to an extremely high standard and ready to move into. Approx. 1,173 sq ft.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, en suite shower room, open-plan kitchen/reception, cloakroom, study/dressing room, balcony, front courtyard, private parking.

Freehold Guide Price £999,950



EDEN CLOSE, W8

An immaculately presented townhouse in one of Kensington's most popular mews, arranged over four floors above the garages. Approx. 1,975 sq ft.

4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (1 en suite), en suite shower room, reception, kitchen/dining room, cloakroom, balcony.

Freehold Guide Price £2,995,000



KENSINGTON COURT MANSIONS, W8

An elegant apartment in this prestigious period mansion block which has undergone complete refurbishment of the communal areas. Approx. 1,632 sq ft. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception, access to gardens.

Lease to 2972 Guide Price £1,650,000



KENSINGTON CHURCH STREET, W8

Presented in good decorative order; in this naturally light 2nd floor flat has generous entertaining space on this popular street. Approx. 563 sq ft. Bedroom, en suite bathroom, reception room.

Lease to 2082 Guide Price £575,000

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CHAPEL STREET, SW1

An immaculate Grade II Listed townhouse which has recently been refurbished to an exceptional standard with a secluded south facing garden.

5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 3 reception rooms.

Unfurnished £4,500 per week



EATON PLACE, SW1

Beautifully presented top floor penthouse apartment within close proximity of Sloane Square and Knightsbridge.

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms.

Furnished £3,500 per week



ELIZABETH STREET, SW1

Well presented 2nd floor flat in this period conversion ideally located to the designer shops, bars and restaurants on Elizabeth Street.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, reception room, eat-in-kitchen.

Furnished £1,000 per week

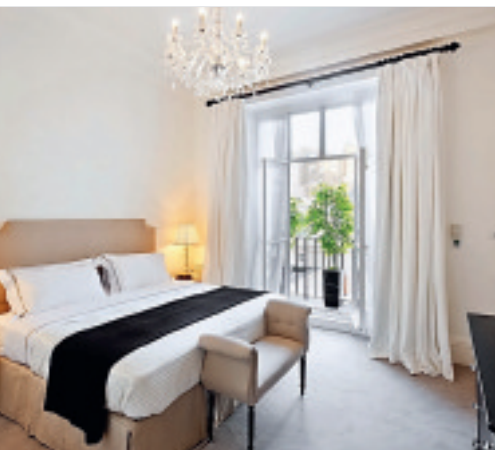


EBURY STREET, SW1

Immaculately presented ground floor flat close to the shopping and entertainment facilities of Elizabeth Street and Sloane Square.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, reception room.

Furnished £650 per week



Eaton Place, SW1

**£1500 per week Furnished
Available Now**

Newly renovated first floor flat on Eaton Place, Belgravia. The drawing room retains its original proportions and has three south facing French windows opening onto a balcony. The property consists of reception room, fitted kitchen, cloak room and large double bedroom with en suite bathroom. The property benefits from a wealth of built in storage and has been finished and furnished to the highest standards.

- Reception Room
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom

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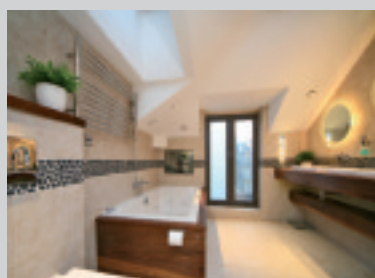


Roland Gardens, SW7

A two bedroom flat finished to a high standard
off Old Brompton Road

£1,450,000

Share of freehold



- Two bedrooms
- Under floor heating & air conditioning
- High quality refurbishment
- Wood floors
- Third floor
- Gloucester Road underground

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Bolton Gardens, SW5

A three bedroom split level apartment with access to a private garden square in Kensington

£2,575,000

Share of freehold



- Three bedrooms
- Three bathrooms
- High ceilings
- Access to garden square
- Gallery study/dining room
- Gloucester Road underground

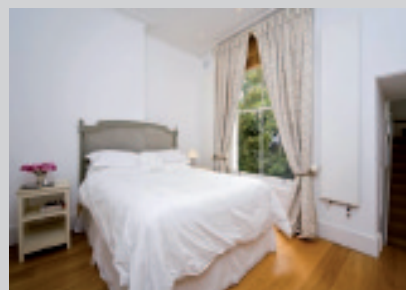
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Longridge Road, SW5

A fabulous first floor flat with high ceilings and private terrace in Earls Court

£1,100,000

Leasehold



- First floor flat
- High ceilings
- Open plan reception
- Private terrace
- Recently refurbished
- Earls Court underground

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Harwood Road, SW6

Three double bedroom duplex flat over three floors with a private roof terrace in Fulham Broadway

£775,000
Leasehold



- Three double bedrooms
- Two bathrooms (one en suite)
- Living room with a dining area
- Three floors
- Private roof terrace
- Fulham Broadway underground

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Harwood Road, SW6

Two double bedroom, two bathroom flat with a private south west facing garden in Fulham Broadway

£565,000
Leasehold



- Two double bedrooms
- Two bathrooms (one en - suite)
- Living room with a dining area
- Open plan kitchen
- Private garden
- Fulham Broadway underground

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Queen's Gate, SW7

A beautifully presented two bedroom, two bathroom flat in South Kensington



£950,000 Leasehold

- Two bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Excellent order
- South facing reception
- Own entrance
- South Kensington underground

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Harrington Gardens, SW7

A two bedroom apartment in a period conversion with direct access to communal gardens



£895,000 Share of freehold

- Two double bedroom
- Spacious reception
- Separate kitchen
- Conservatory style dining area
- Private patio
- Gloucester Road Underground

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Ashburnham Mansions, SW10

A spacious one bedroom apartment within a period mansion block in Chelsea



£485,000 Share of freehold

- One bedroom
- Separate kitchen
- Purpose built mansion block
- Ground floor
- Communal garden & Parking
- Fulham Broadway underground

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Althea Street, SW6

Two double bedroom flat with private entrance and west facing garden in Sands End



£485,000 Leasehold

- Two double bedrooms
- Private entrance
- West facing garden
- Separate kitchen and dining area
- First & Second floors
- Fulham Broadway underground

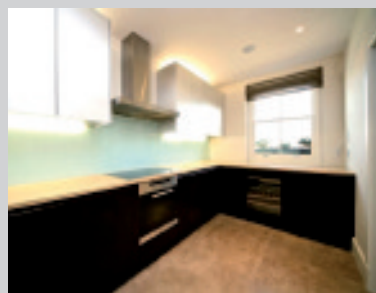
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Cornwall Gardens, SW7

A superb two double bedroom flat on a communal garden square just off Gloucester Road in South Kensington

£1,300 p/w
Furnished



- Two bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Fourth floor of Victorian conversion
- Access to communal gardens
- Separate kitchen
- Gloucester Road underground



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Bolton Gardens, SW5

Newly refurbished three double bedroom flat in South Kensington

£1,375 p/w
Furnished



- Three double bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Second floor
- Open plan kitchen with terrace
- Living room with wood floors
- Gloucester Road underground

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Musgrave Crescent, SW6

Recently refurbished four bedroom house in the Moore Park Estate opposite Eel Brook Common

£1,200 p/w
Furnished/Unfurnished



- Four double bedrooms
- Three bathrooms
- Double reception room
- Separate kitchen
- Views overlooking Eel Brook Common
- Fulham Broadway underground

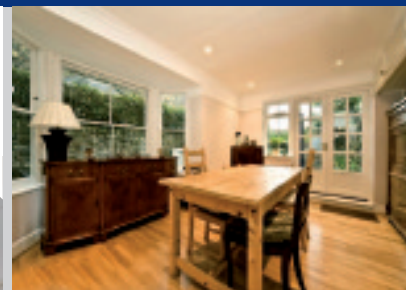
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Favart Road, SW6

Recently refurbished four bedroom house in Parsons Green overlooking Eel Brook Common

£1,050p/w
Unfurnished



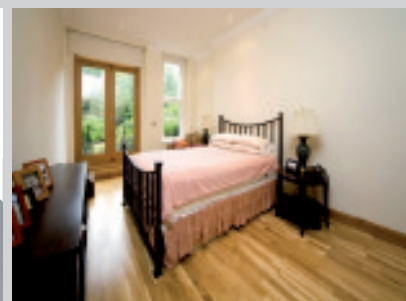
- Two bathrooms (one en-suite)
- Four bedrooms
- Two living rooms
- Recently refurbished kitchen
- Private garden and roof terrace
- Parsons Green underground

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Philbeach Gardens, SW5

A raised ground floor two bedroom, two bathroom flat with private patio in Earls Court

£650 p/w
Furnished/Unfurnished



- Two bathrooms (one en-suite)
- Open plan granite topped kitchen
- Bedrooms overlooking communal gardens
- Wood floors and neutrally decorated
- Direct access to communal gardens
- Earls Court underground

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Lysia Street, SW6

Recently refurbished four bedroom family house on the Alphabet Streets near Bishops Park



£795 p/w Unfurnished/part furnished

- Four double bedrooms
- Double reception room
- Separate kitchen
- Paved patio
- Two bathrooms, one en suite
- Hammersmith underground

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Old Brompton Road, SW5

A large studio flat on the first floor of a Victorian house just off Earls Court Road



£360 p/w Furnished

- Studio flat
- Living area with wood floors
- Open plan kitchen
- High ceilings
- Second floor of conversion
- Earls Court underground

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Cromwell Road, SW5

Refurbished two double bedroom flat between Earls Court and Gloucester Road



£625 p/w Furnished

- Bedrooms with storage
- Second floor of conversion
- Wood floors
- Open plan kitchen
- Living room with space for dining
- Gloucester Road underground

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Fulham Road, SW10

Recently refurbished two double bedroom, two bathroom flat in Fulham Beach



£515 p/w Furnished/unfurnished

- Two double bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- First floor
- Access to communal roof terrace
- Separate kitchen
- Earls Court underground

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Radipole Road, SW6

Two double bedroom flat with a private decked patio in Parsons Green



£475 p/w Furnished/part furnished

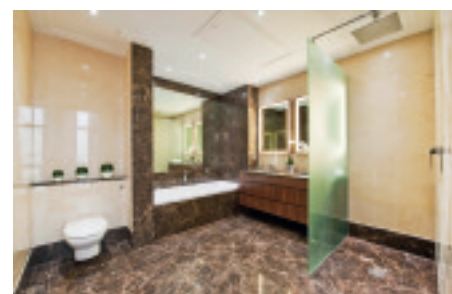
- Two double bedrooms
- Living room with wooden flooring
- Separate kitchen
- Private decked patio
- Ground floor flat
- Parsons Green underground

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Petersham Mews, South Kensington SW7

“A superb low-built house in South Kensington with excellent light extending to 3,137 sq ft. Petersham Mews is conveniently located for the many amenities of Gloucester Road. There are good transport links with Gloucester Road tube station approximately 0.3 miles away.”

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- 3 reception rooms
- Kitchen / breakfast room
- Study
- Utility room
- Cloakroom
- Loft
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- Lutron lighting
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Freehold guide price £4,950,000

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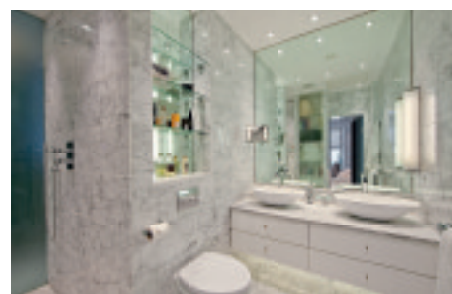
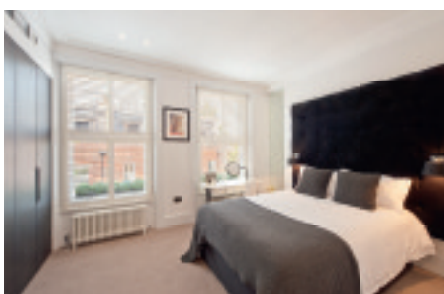


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“This is a beautifully proportioned and exceptionally well presented **first floor** two bedroom flat. The flat benefits from a magnificent drawing room with high ceilings and French windows opening onto a balcony overlooking attractive communal gardens. Lennox Gardens sits in the heart of Knightsbridge. The flat has been refurbished throughout and is ready for immediate occupation.”

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- Drawing room
- Kitchen
- Entrance hall
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An elegant townhouse located moments from St James's Park and Victoria.

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Kitchen/dining room • Sitting room • Master bedroom with walk-in
wardrobe and en-suite bathroom • Two bedrooms and family bathroom
Patio garden • 2,311 sq ft / 215 sq m

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Cambridge Gate, Regent's Park NW1

An elegant penthouse apartment with magnificent views across Regent's Park.

Reception room • Dining room • Utility room • Three bedrooms each with en-suite bathrooms • Two spacious roof terraces • Two balconies
24 hour portorage • Air conditioning • Excellent storage • Off street parking and garage • 2,940 sq ft / 246 sq m

Guide Price £4,987,500

Leasehold 133 years remaining

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COLEHERNE MEWS, CHELSEA SW10

This unusually wide mews house is offered in fantastic condition with the added benefit of both a garage and a terrace. The ground floor has been opened up to allow for modern day living with spacious reception room and kitchen.

Approx. 1500 sq ft / 139 sq m

RECEPTION ROOM • KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM • 3 BEDROOMS • 3 BATHROOMS • ROOF TERRACE • GARAGE

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Share of Freehold

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With the benefits of its own street entrance this charming lower ground floor flat is ideal as a pied a terre or rental investment.
363 sq ft / 33.72 sq m

£295,000

Leasehold



FULHAM ROAD, SW10

A charming 2 bedroom second and third floor flat benefiting from light and airy space.
679 sq ft / 63 sq m

£445,000

Leasehold



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This well presented 2 double bedroom flat benefits from great natural light and private communal gardens.
985 sq ft / 92 sq m

£1,300,000

Leasehold



IFIELD ROAD, SW10

An imaginatively designed two bedroom maisonette with the advantage of uncompromising living space.
912 sq ft / 84.72 sq m

£895,000

Leasehold



COURTFIELD ROAD, SW7

A substantial lower ground floor 2/3 bedroom property in this well managed mid terraced Victorian building.
1367 sq ft / 126.99 sq m

£1,395,000

Share of freehold



REDCLIFFE ROAD, SW10

A very appealing second and third floor maisonette entered at first floor level with a cure private roof terrace.
1197 sq ft / 111 sq m

£1,745,000

Share of freehold

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DRAYTON GARDENS, SW10

A top floor 1 bedroom flat with far reaching views within a well maintained mansion block.
620 sq ft / 57.60 sq m

£695,000
Leasehold



EDITH GROVE, SW10

An immaculately presented property giving the impression of living in your own 'little house'.
842 sq ft / 78.22 sq m

£695,000
Share of Freehold



CALLOW STREET, SW3

This is a fantastic opportunity to acquire a classic 1 bedroom raised ground floor flat on a sought after road.
522 sq ft / 48.49 sq m

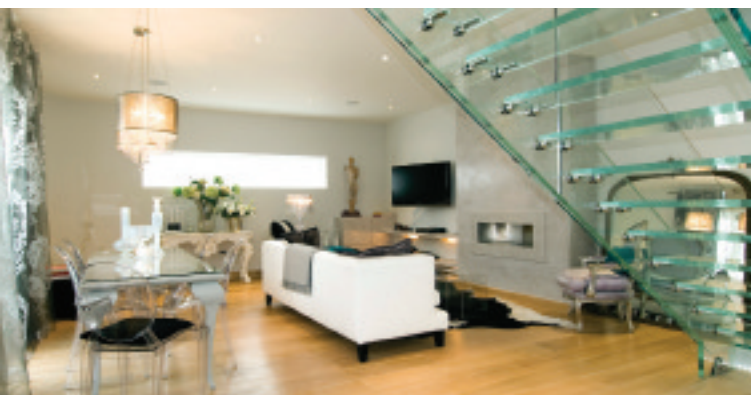
£695,000
Share of Freehold



PENYWERN ROAD, SW5

This stunning 2 bedroom property boasts exceptional volume and opens directly onto a private 67ft garden.
1177 sq ft / 109.34 sq m

£1,295,000
Leasehold



HOLLYWOOD MEWS, SW10

An exceptional two double bedroom freehold house situated in this secure gated private mews.
1235 sq ft / 114.73 sq m

£1,895,000
Freehold



SLAIDBURN STREET, SW10

An immaculate newly refurbished 4 bedroom freehold house situated at the end of a quiet residential road.
1368sq m / 127.09 sq m

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BRECHIN PLACE, SW7

A very spacious one bedroom apartment on the first floor which offers high ceilings, wood floors and a small balcony. The property is conveniently located close to the amenities of Gloucester Road and South Kensington.

Unfurnished

£750.00 per week



COLEHERNE ROAD, SW10

A superb three double bedroom, two bathroom duplex apartment situated on the second and third floors of this recently refurbished period building. The voluminous open plan kitchen and reception has a fantastic high ceiling with exposed beams and the apartment has beautiful wood floors and lots of natural light throughout.

Furnished/Unfurnished

£1150.00 per week



CRESSWELL PLACE SW10

This fantastic contemporary house is situated in a popular cobbled mews which comprises a modern reception room with an open plan kitchen and access to a terrace, two double bedrooms both with ensuite bathrooms and great storage. The house also has the added benefit of an integral garage.

Furnished

£1195.00 per week



OLD BROMPTON ROAD, SW5

A wonderful newly refurbished top floor lateral apartment with a beautiful reception room, a fully fitted kitchen, three double bedrooms, three bathrooms, plenty of storage space throughout and use of the pretty communal garden. The apartment is conveniently situated for all the amenities that Gloucester Road and Earls Court have to offer.

Unfurnished

£1495.00 per week



BEAUFORT STREET, SW3

Having been completely refurbished throughout in a modern and contemporary style, is this beautiful one bedroom flat on the first floor of this period building. The property has lovely high ceilings, bundles of natural light and excellent built-in wardrobes. Fantastically located just off the Fulham Road.

Unfurnished

£525.00 per week



HARCOURT TERRACE, SW10

Situated on the raised ground floor of this period building is this fantastic one bedroom flat with high ceilings and lots of natural light. The spacious reception room has a beautiful bay window and the open-plan kitchen makes it an extremely sociable room. The large bedroom also enjoys high ceilings and excellent built-in wardrobes.

Furnished

£525.00 per week



CHELTENHAM TERRACE, SW3

A delightful four bedroom townhouse situated in this enviable location just off Kings Road and within walking distance of Sloane Square underground station. The house has three bathrooms, as well as a double reception room and dining room. The kitchen is large enough to eat in and the property is neutrally decorated throughout.

Unfurnished

£1695.00 per week



IFIELD ROAD, SW10

A truly stunning family house which provides fantastic entertaining space. The house comprises a beautiful reception room, kitchen/breakfast and family room with access to a private garden, a master bedroom with an en-suite bathroom, three double bedrooms, study/additional bedroom and two further bathrooms.

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Harriett Hustler reviews the 2011 lettings market

As 2011 draws to a close and many of our landlords and tenants jet off to warmer climes, we've had a chance to look back on the past year... and what a year it's been! In spite of financial markets being turbulent, rents are on the increase, renewals are up and tenancy numbers have increased by 31% compared to last year - a complete contrast to the backdrop of world economies.

The big international companies no longer provide hefty ex-pat packages, leaving their employees to take tenancies in their own name and pay their own rent. In return more complicated offers are being put forward, usually working within more modest budgets. Many landlords have found this adjustment quite difficult as there are different contractual

obligations and negotiations can take longer to agree - which is where a good agent comes into their own.

The main focus throughout 2011 has been customer service - to landlords and tenants. Small gestures make big differences. The speed at which someone greets us, whether they are pleased to see us or whether they look like we have disturbed their tea break, and ultimately whether or not their products meet our requirements. Sometimes it only takes one lapse in this process for us to decide we will never go back again, and even to warn off friends from giving them their custom.

The same applies to our industry, and it's crucial we get it right. The service we offer starts from the moment a landlord is thinking about renting their property, through to mar-

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Choosing the right agent is much like finding a partner, it's a relationship that will last many years and go through ups and downs along the way which is why it is so important to get it right from the start. To help, we have produced Step-by-Step London Guides for landlords and tenants to assist them in letting or renting a property in London - please get in touch if you would like to receive a free copy.

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CADOGAN SQUARE SW1X
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- 3 bathrooms (1 en suite) • Utility room
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£2,200,000 | Leasehold

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Two bedrooms, Two bathrooms, Reception room, Study, Kitchen, Two balconies.

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Reception room, Separate dining room, Kitchen, Master bedroom with en suite, Further double bedroom with en suite, Cloakroom, Utility room, Large paved garden.

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Smith Street, SW3

£2,600 p.w | Unfurnished

A beautiful period family house which has been refurbished to a high standard, the property offers great entertaining space and has access to a private garden at the rear. The property is situated in this sought after street close to all amenities of Chelsea.

Four/five bedrooms, Master bedroom with en suite and dressing area, Three reception rooms, Dining room, Kitchen, Laundry area, Garden.

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Cadogan Square, SW1X

£1,750 p.w | Furnished

An elegant two bedroom maisonette situated on this prestigious square in Knightsbridge. The apartment has exceptional outside space in the form of a roof terrace and patio garden as well as access to the communal gardens. Furnished in a contemporary style and neutrally decorated throughout, the property has great reception space with wood flooring and high ceilings.

Reception room, Kitchen, Dining room, Master bedroom with en suite, Further bedroom, Shower room, Two terraces, Housekeeper.

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REMBRANDT CLOSE, SW1

A practical three storey house in a cu-de-sac (planning permission has been applied for to create an extra floor).
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A well presented apartment with lovely views over the beautiful private communal garden square. Approx. 890 sq ft. 2 bedrooms, bathroom, reception, kitchen/breakfast room, communal gardens.

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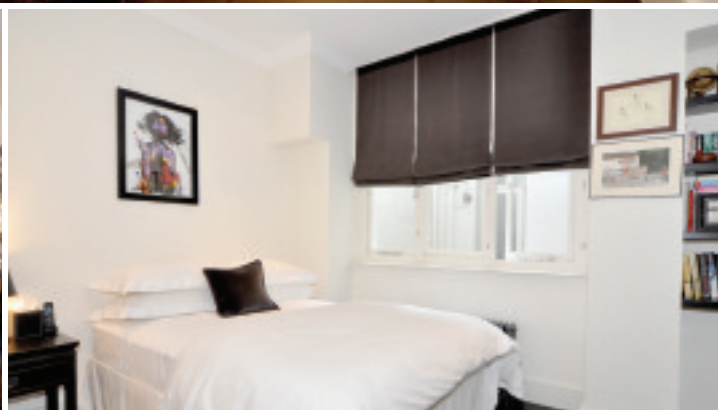


LONGRIDGE ROAD, SW5

A recently renovated patio flat close to all the bars, shops, restaurants and transport links of Earls Court. Approx. 824 sq ft. 2 bedrooms, bathroom, reception, south facing patio.

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A stunning apartment located in this prestigious area of Knightsbridge, finished in a sumptuous and decadent style. Offering in excess of 1,550 sq ft., with the additional benefit of access to communal gardens. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception.

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BISHOPS ROAD, SW6

A truly stunning split-level flat situated over the top two floors of this converted Victorian building, with great entertaining space and a fantastic south facing roof terrace. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room, roof terrace.

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LANFREY PLACE, W14

A beautiful double fronted mid-Victorian house, located in a cul-de-sac with the added benefit of two gorgeous reception rooms and study room with patio doors opening onto the garden. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms, patio.

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Agent speaks

Guy Watson of Champions gazes into his crystal ball to predict what 2012 holds in store for Kensington and Chelsea

Issuing predictions for the following year's property market has become as seasonal a fixture as turkey and Christmas pudding. Government bodies, property portals, lenders and estate agents all look into their crystal balls and tell us what our bricks and mortar will be worth, and the subsequent headlines are splashed over our daily newspapers.

It is therefore a bit of a shame that most of these predictions, being based nationally, have little relevance to the reality of property transactions within our own borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

A market is the balance between supply and demand, and this balance is different from street to street, never mind from borough to borough or across the UK. If a prediction of the market is to have any meaning at all it must be local and it must be specific. This being said, here are our predictions for our own back gardens, the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea for 2012...

A greater part of the demand for prime properties in Kensington and Chelsea comes from overseas buyers, and such purchases tend not to be financed by UK mortgages. It could be said, therefore, that it is the exchange rate for sterling that has the greater influence on property prices than UK interest rates. There is no indication of a rise in the value of sterling on the horizon, which bodes well for the continuation of high overseas demand.

Interest rates look to remain low for the foreseeable future, especially with the economy in such a fragile state, and this will also do its part in maintaining high property values.

The most important factor in how the property market will be in 2012 is on the supply side. 2011 saw an unprecedented contraction in the number of properties coming onto the market. The reasons for this are clear. Landlords did not want to sell because with interest rates being low the cost of holding property was less, and with rents increasing, so were profits. Owner occupiers were put off selling because they also need to buy and could not find their next home.

The result is that it was an excellent time to be a seller and a terrible one to be a buyer. I do not see this situation changing in 2012, especially with interest rates and sterling remaining at their present levels. This means that 2012 could be good time to sell your property in SW3 and move to the countryside.

Property dependent on UK finance, dependent on a local supply and outside the bubble of prime London prosperity will continue to suffer, possibly down as much as 10% year-on-year. In our own backyard we will see further modest growth, which should more than hold its own against inflation – all as long as the pound and rates for those who are in a position to borrow stay low.

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Guion Road SW6

A stunning, fully extended (2165 sq.ft) and renovated, four bedroom Victorian family house in this popular part of Parsons Green.

Guion Road is off the New Kings Road and within five minutes walk of the many shops and restaurants of Parsons Green and the Fulham Road.

Accommodation: Double Reception, Kitchen/Dining Room, Media/Reception Room, Master Bedroom with En-suite bathroom, 3 Further Double Bedrooms, 1 En-suite Shower room, 1 Family Bathroom, 2 Cloakrooms, Walled Garden.



Guide Price: **£2.3m STC**
Tenure: **Freehold**

Campden Hill Cort W8

A wonderfully light and spacious 3 bedroom flat on the 4th floor of this very popular period block. The floor to ceiling windows in both reception rooms allow glorious views over to Chelsea and beyond.

Campden Hill is a short distance from the shops, restaurants and excellent transport links on Kensington High Street plus the added attraction of the open spaces of Holland Park

Accommodation: Drawing Room, Dining Room, Eat-in Kitchen, Large Hall, Master Bedroom Suite, 2 Further Double Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms (1 en-suite), Guest Cloakroom, Balcony, Lift, Porter



Guide Price: **£3.25m**
Tenure: **Leasehold/Share of Freehold**

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GLEBE PLACE, SW3

An incredible and unusual 'artist's studio' style house.
Reception room, dining room, eat-in kitchen, 5 bedrooms,
2 bathrooms, 3 shower rooms, utility room, 3 balconies,
roof terrace, large swimming pool, Jacuzzi, steam room.

£7,000 per week Un/Furnished

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NAPIER PLACE, W14

Hidden away in a beautiful cobbled mews in Holland Park
is this exceptional family home.

Reception room, dining area, kitchen, 3 double bedrooms,
bedroom 4/study, 3 bathrooms, excellent storage.

£1,200 per week Unfurnished

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UPBROOK MEWS, W2

This house has it all - convenient location,
outside space and secure parking!

Reception room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, en-suite shower room,
bathroom, utility room, roof terrace, double garage.

£1,100 per week Unfurnished

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HIPPODROME MEWS, W11

The finest example of a contemporary refurbishment
that we have seen in a house in this mews.

2 reception rooms, kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom
shower room, study, roof terrace, off-street parking space.

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PRINCES GATE MEWS, SW7

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interior designed behind the
original façade.

1st floor reception room, dining
room, kitchen, master bedroom
with en suite bathroom, 2 further
bedrooms each with en suite
bathrooms, study, garage,
utility room, terrace.

FH £4,250,000 STC

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HYDE PARK GARDENS MEWS, W2

Words fail to describe the
unbelievable attention to detail
that has been applied in the
refurbishment of this house.

Reception room with open
plan kitchen, media room, gym,
master bedroom with bespoke
fitted wardrobes and en-suite
shower room, 2 further double
bedrooms, family bathroom,
guest cloakroom, utility room,
garage and roof terrace.

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CHESTERFIELD HILL, MAYFAIR, LONDON W1

Situated in the heart of Mayfair, Chesterfield Hill runs from Charles Street to Farm Street. This grand yet comfortable period townhouse comprises some 4,722 sq.ft. and has one of the most attractive facades amongst a diversity of architectural styles, building having commenced in the 1740's. This elegant property also benefits from a passenger lift, a separate staff staircase between the ground and first floors, a conservatory, and balcony.



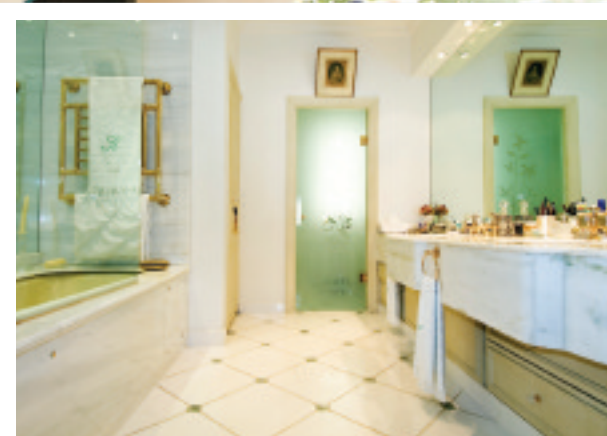
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Accommodation: Entrance hall, drawing room, dining room, study, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, guest cloakroom, master bedroom with en suite bathroom, dressing room, guest bedroom with en suite bathroom, two further bedrooms and family bathroom. **Separate staff quarters:** Sitting room, kitchen, bedroom and en suite bathroom.

Price: £9,950,000

There is also a secure garage available nearby at £125,000 (leasehold)

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PALACE GATE, KENSINGTON, W8

Refurbished to exacting standards, this stunning three/four bedroom Penthouse apartment offers a perfect blend of contemporary living in a period building. The apartment is arranged over the top two floors with direct lift access. The entire property features the highest quality materials with state of the art home entertainment and lighting systems. Situated at the northern end of Palace Gate the property has uninterrupted views across Kensington Gardens with Kensington Palace in the foreground.

Accommodation: Entrance lobby with direct lift access, Living room & dining room for 10 guests, Guest WC and shower room, Kitchen & breakfast room, Utility room, Bespoke floating walnut staircase, Master bedroom with ensuite dressing room and bathroom, Private terrace overlooking Kensington Gardens, Bedroom 2 with ensuite bathroom, Bedroom 3 with ensuite dressing room and bathroom, Study/cinema or guest bedroom 4.



Price: £5,750,000
Long leasehold

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QUEEN'S GATE, SOUTH KENSINGTON, SW7

A stunning newly constructed penthouse apartment spanning 3 buildings and comprising in excess of c. 2,900 sq.ft. This beautiful Grade II Listed building which has been comprehensively overhauled on both the outside of the building and the internal common parts is within walking distance of the amenities of Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens and South Kensington.

The seamless integration of technology into design, permitting no compromise of the aesthetic, has been of paramount importance. The penthouse has been meticulously refurbished and benefits from tree top views over Kensington and the roof tops of Knightsbridge.

Accommodation: Entrance hall, drawing room, dining room, guest cloakroom, kitchen, utility room, master bedroom with dressing room and bathroom ensuite, bedroom 2 with shower room ensuite, 2 further bedrooms and family bathroom.

Amenities: Direct lift access, Intelligent 'Control 4' lighting control, Timoleon underfloor heating, air conditioning system, solar reflective and semi-transparent 'invisible' motorised blinds.

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Leasehold

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Abingdon Road, Kensington W8

A sympathetically refurbished house in contemporary style.

- Reception room
- Kitchen / Dining family room
- 2 Bedrooms plus 3rd Bedroom or dining room or study
- 3 Bathrooms (1 ensuite)
- Front & rear Gardens
- Under floor heating

£1,495 per week
Unfurnished



Adam and Eve Mews Kensington W8

A bright recently decorated mews house.

- Marble Entrance Hall
- Reception room
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- 3 Bathrooms
- Garage

£950 per week
Unfurnished





Ovington Gardens Knightsbridge SW3

A first floor lateral flat with elegant west facing rooms.

- Large reception room
- Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- Cloakroom
- Balcony
- Lift
- Wood floors

£2,250 per week
Furnished or Unfurnished



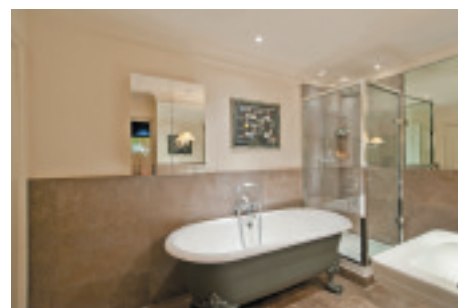
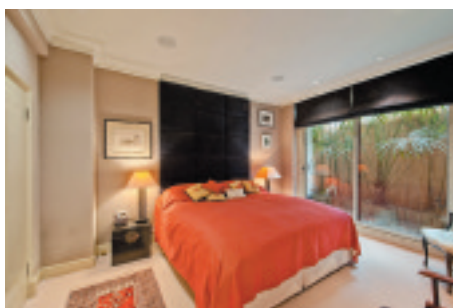
Rutland Street Knightsbridge SW7

A charming house with a south facing garden.

- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- Reception room
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Study
- Garden

£1,450 per week
Furnished



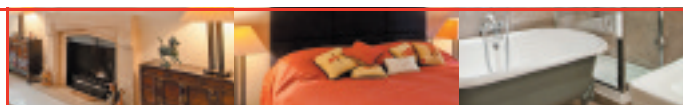


Sloane Gardens SW1W

This beautifully presented and elegantly proportioned two bedroom flat benefits from the most amazing views along this impressive tree lined street. The property also benefits from access to the lovely communal gardens and has a resident caretaker. Sloane Gardens is a stunning location, in the heart of Chelsea, just to the south of Sloane Square. The flat is therefore very close to the Kings Road, Sloane Street and Knightsbridge

drawing room | master double bedroom (en suite) | further double bedroom | shower room | kitchen/breakfast room | resident caretaker | communal gardens | private patio

Guide price £1,695,000 leasehold





Sumner Place SW7

An elegant first floor apartment within a handsome period building. The apartment has been beautifully refurbished and features a drawing room with three French windows leading to a west-facing balcony. Sumner Place is a quiet one way street moments from the shops, restaurants and transport facilities of South Kensington

entrance hall | reception room with open-plan kitchen | bedroom (en suite) | west-facing balcony

Guide price £1,500,000 leasehold



Elm Park Gardens SW10

A bright apartment with excellent entertaining space, leafy views and two bedroom suites on the top floor (lift) of a renovated period building. The property is ideally positioned between Kings Road and Fulham Road, close to the excellent restaurants, shopping and transport facilities of South Kensington and Gloucester Road

drawing room | dining room | 2 bedrooms (en suite) | kitchen | lift | caretaker | access to communal gardens

Guide price £1,300,000 leasehold





Herbert Crescent SW1X

A bright and very spacious first floor lateral three bedroom, two bathroom flat in the heart of Knightsbridge, the apartment features high ceilings and has plenty of fitted wardrobes. The flat is recently refurbished to a high standard throughout and is located moments from Harrods and the many shops and restaurants Knightsbridge has to offer

double reception room | 3 double bedrooms (1 en suite) | 1 further bathroom | kitchen | balcony

£1,700 per week unfurnished



Cadogan Gardens SW3

A beautifully furnished, contemporary two bedroom apartment set within a highly desirable portered development in the heart of Chelsea. This stunning property boasts wood flooring, comfort cooling, a modern finish throughout and one underground parking space. The property is perfectly situated to enjoy the transport links of Sloane Square underground station as well the popular bars and restaurants in the area

double reception room | 2 double bedrooms (1 en suite) | 1 further bathroom | kitchen | porter | secure underground parking

£1,275 per week unfurnished





Shelton House SW1X

A superb flat situated on the second floor of this smart building in the heart of Knightsbridge. The property has been completely refurbished and boasts a modern and contemporary feel throughout. This fabulous flat has an exceptional reception room which is ideal for living and dining in. Shelton House is ideally located for all the fantastic shops and restaurants that Sloane Street and Knightsbridge have to offer

entrance hall | double reception room | 3 double bedrooms (2 en suite) | 1 further bathroom | kitchen | communal gardens

£1,275 per week unfurnished

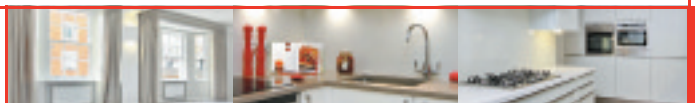


Kings Road SW3

A newly refurbished first floor one bedroom apartment on the Kings Road, boasting lovely views over Carlyle Square. The flat is beautifully finished in a contemporary style with a very modern kitchen and bathroom. The Kings Road benefits from designer shops, as well as highly regarded bars and restaurants

entrance hall | reception room | double bedroom | bathroom | kitchen

£525 per week unfurnished



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TREVOR PLACE, SW7

A superb five/six bedroom mid terrace five storey Victorian house which has been refurbished to an exceptional standard on this very sought after street in Knightsbridge. Trevor Place is a very attractive residential street situated in the heart of Knightsbridge, close to Montpelier Square. The property offers easy access to the shops and amenities of Knightsbridge and Sloane Street as well as the open spaces of Hyde Park.

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DRAYTON GARDENS, SW10

A newly refurbished 4 bedroom south facing lateral flat extending to 1614 sq ft on the first floor (with lift) of a red brick mansion block. The flat offers period features with high ceilings and a contemporary finish. The flat is bright, south facing and quietly located close to the amenities of South Kensington and Chelsea.

Reception Room, 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom, 3 En-suite Shower Rooms, Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Cupboard, Lift

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CADOGAN SQUARE, SW1

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FURNISHED

£4500 PER WEEK



HANS CRESCENT, SW1

Unusually spacious and well presented flat in the heart of Knightsbridge. 1905 sq ft.

2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Cloakroom, Large Reception Room, Kitchen, Terrace.

FURNISHED

£1050 PER WEEK FURNISHED



QUEENSGATE TERRACE, SW7

Superb raised ground floor flat with wood floors. 740 sq ft.

Bedroom, Bathroom, Reception Room, Kitchen.

£675 PER WEEK



SEYMOUR PLACE, W1

Beautifully refurbished three bedroom apartment on the first floor of this popular mansion block minutes from Marble Arch.

3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Lift.

FURNISHED

£1300 PER WEEK



SOUTHWICK STREET, W2

Bright and spacious two bedroom flat on the 4th floor of this excellent block close to Paddington Station and Marble Arch.

2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Reception Room, Kitchen, Lift, Communal Gardens.

FURNISHED

£560 PER WEEK



STANHOPE ROW, W1

Modern, recently refurbished two bedroom duplex apartment in a cobbled mews in the heart of Mayfair.

2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Cloakroom, Reception Room, Kitchen.

FURNISHED

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Callow Street, SW3

£890,000

Leasehold 91 years approx

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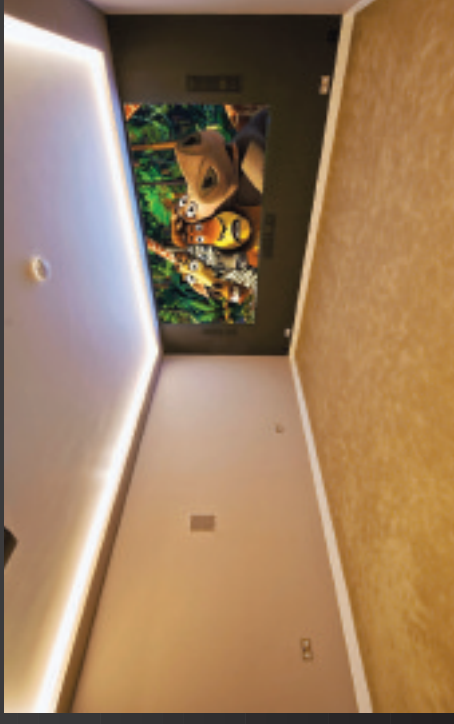
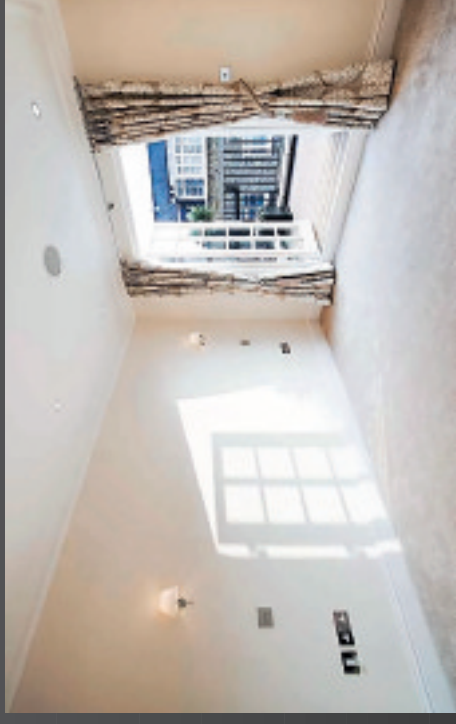
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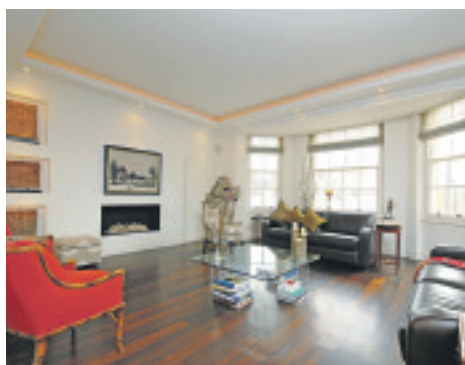
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£5,500,000 Sole Agents

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3 Bedooms · Reception room · Kitchen · Bathroom Balcony
Service Charge - £600 Per Quarter including hot water and heating

Leasehold - 64 years remaining
£650,000 STC



Seymour Walk

London, SW10

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Master Bedroom with Dressing room • 2 Double Bedrooms
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Kitchen/Breakfast room • Cloakroom • Decked Garden

Unfurnished

£1,695 per week



Fernshaw Road

London, SW10

This newly refurbished mansion flat, with lift, features a fantastic intercommunicating reception room and dining room as well as a spacious eat in kitchen/breakfast room. It has three bedrooms, a bathroom and a shower room. This flat would be perfect for sharers or a small family and is close to the shops and amenities on the Fulham Road.

3 Bedrooms • Bathroom • Shower room • Double Reception room
Eat in Kitchen/Breakfast room • Lift

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King's Road

London, SW10

First & second floor maisonette refurbished throughout in a neutral style, offering spacious accommodation over three floors. The 'L' shaped first floor reception room is open plan to the kitchen and has new oak wood flooring. Situated on King's Road, the property is conveniently located for public transport, shops restaurants and cinemas in the surrounding area.

Master Bedroom with en suite bathroom • 2 further bedrooms
Bathroom • Open plan reception room/kitchen

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Cadogan Square

London, SW1

A bright and spacious penthouse maisonette in this excellent location with views over the square gardens and tennis court. Cadogan Square is one of the most sought after garden squares in Knightsbridge due to its proximity to Sloane Square, Brompton Road, as well as being close to shops, restaurants, Hyde Park and the West End.

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Freehold

Rental

£3,200,000

£2,900 per week



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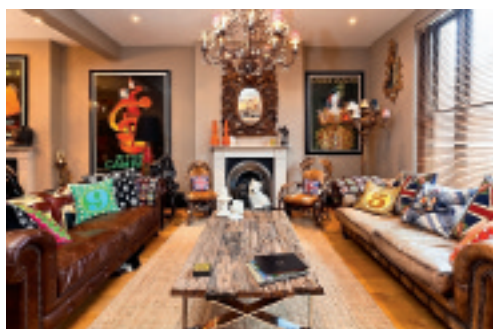
Kilburn Lane, W10
£585 per week

What: A newly refurbished house within walking distance of Bakerloo.

Wow factor: Is finished to the highest standard and benefits from hard wood floors and a decked patio garden.

Extras: Two double bedrooms, a spacious loft conversion, modern bathroom, and a large open plan reception room.

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Edbrooke Road, W9



£2,600,000 freehold

What: Behind a Victorian façade lies this unique and spectacular property.

Wow factor: Has been refurbished and extended to create the perfect family home in the heart of Maida Vale.

Extras: Fantastic living space, six bedrooms, private garden, and ample storage.

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A charitable Christmas

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Woodsford Square W14 £2,600,000

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Micklethwaite Road SW6 £1,500,000

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Ebury Street SW1 £1,450,000

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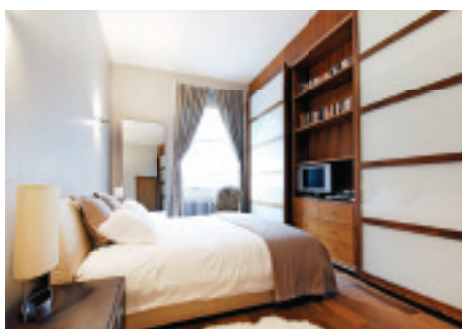
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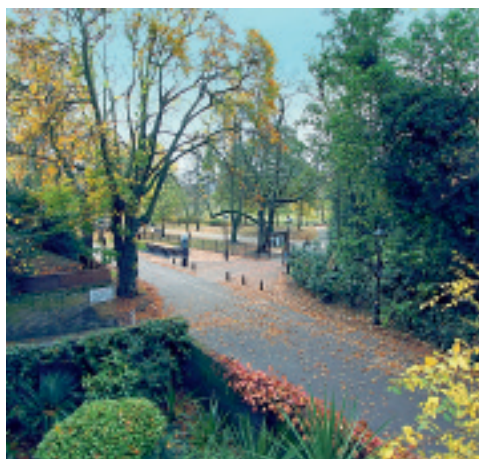
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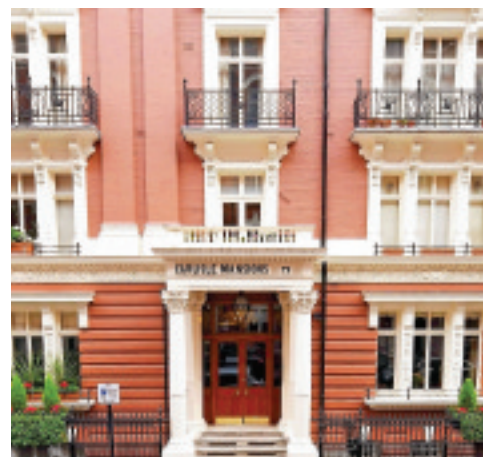


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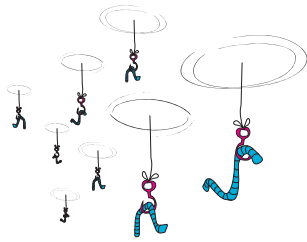


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